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GCC emergency session
The Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers will convene an emergency meeting in Riyadh Tuesday to discuss new developments on the Arab scene, the GCC Secretariat General announced. The meeting has a definite and limited agenda which may take only one session and it aims at patching up Arab differences.—Page 2.

Ali arrives in Israel
Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali has arrived in Israel to smooth the differences over Israel's withdrawal from Sinai April 25. Also in Tel Aviv is U.S. special envoy Walter Stoessel who has been shuttling between Israel and Egypt for the same purpose. Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in the meantime, has called a meeting of the Israeli cabinet Wednesday which is expected to take crucial decisions on the withdrawal.—Page 4.

Important painting tips
The first important step in getting ready to paint any structure is to prepare the surface to be painted in advance. Special conditions existing in Saudi Arabia make it essential to follow a few basic steps in order to insure a long-lasting paint job.—Page 7.

Soviets arrest foreigners
Soviet police arrested seven foreigners who staged a brief protest on Moscow's Red Square, calling on the Kremlin to cut arms spending and give more aid to developing countries. A similar demonstration was held in Prague.—Page 9.

U.S. recovery hopes dim
U.S. economists say high interest rates and unemployment dim prospects of consumer spending leading the economy out of recession.—Page 10.

Canada-France accord
Canada, France agreed that next June's summit will search for solutions to counter the international recession and American monetary policy.—Page 11.

Italian coalition threatened
The Italian government is in trouble. A fierce row between the Socialist and Christian Democratic parties threatens to bring down Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini's 10-month-old coalition, already struggling to control looming economic crisis. The Socialist ministers left open the possibility of a complete withdrawal from the five-party coalition.—Page 16.

SR3.5b contracts let for security housing

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Mooday signed six contracts totalling SR3.48 billion to implement the first part of the first phase of a project to house the home security forces in Jeddah, Nijran, Sharoura, Tabuk, Ar Ar, Dhahran and Riyadh.

The Jeddah project provides for the construction of 1,342 housing units. It was won by a Saudi contractor who offered to implement it for SR1.27 billion. The 5,000-unit project for SR1.7 billion in Nijran was awarded to a consortium, including a Saudi, a Cypriot and a Pakistani contractor. Another joint Saudi-Indian venture snatched the SR508 million contract for the construction of a 576-unit complex in Tabuk.

A Korean firm won a SR423 million contract to build 453 housing units in Ar Ar. The

Dhahran project, which calls for the construction of 205 housing units, was won by a Saudi contractor who offered to do it for SR179 million. The 50-unit project of Riyadh also awarded to a Saudi contractor whose bid was SR33 million. Moreover, the Interior Ministry already launched tenders for greater housing projects to accommodate the Frontiers Guard men in the remote areas. More than 280 Saudi and foreign firms pre-qualified for the projects after their selection by a computer, taking into account their financial position and other factors. At a final stage, only 50 of them were retained. They were classified in groups according to the type of project to be implemented.

The first phase of the ministry's General Housing Project calls for the construction of 12,000 housing units in various areas, according to a certain order of priority. The implementation is supervised by a higher committee headed by Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad.

Contracts for the implementation of the first phase of the Home Security Forces Housing Scheme have already been signed. They call for the construction of 3,631 housing units by five Saudi and four foreign firms. The administration and supervision contract was signed with a consultancy consortium made up of five consultancy firms, including two Saudi and three foreign.

This phase also calls for the construction of 11 mosques, eight clubs, three ceremony halls, 13 kindergartens, six intermediate schools for girls, six for boys, health centers, markets, public parks, water purification and electric power plants and various public utilities, including roads, water networks, telephones, and so on, in Riyadh, Jeddah, Nijran, Sharoura, Tabuk, Ar Ar and Dhahran.

The Interior Ministry announced that it has completed the designs of the second group of projects to establish 2,200 housing units, including the necessary services and amenities, prior to launching the tender within the coming few weeks. The project's bureau is also preparing the designs of the other groups for the various parts of Saudi Arabia.

'Kingdom can stand oil cut'

GENEVA, April 19 (R) — Saudi Arabia could reduce its oil production to five million barrels per day from the present seven million without hurting its own economy, Minister of Posts, Telephones and Telegraphs Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal told a questioner during a press conference.

Addressing the U.S. and European business heads at a management forum, Dr. Kayyal said Western Europe could not expect to enjoy cheap oil indefinitely without offering the Arabs a political return.

He said: "We cannot continuously be flexible in our oil production policies without appropriate political acknowledgement for our sacrifices."

Dr. Kayyal added "Europe cannot indefinitely hope to enjoy low cost for such a vital commodity without offering something in return. The West cannot continue to appease Israel like a spoiled child and hope to practice expediency toward the Arabs. European countries cannot shy away from practicing a responsible role in international affairs."

In fresh peace bid

OIC team meets Khamenei

BEIRUT, April 19 (Agencies) — A delegation from the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) stopped in Tehran for four hours of talks with Iranian officials Monday, in yet another attempt to bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end, Tehran radio reported.

The delegation, headed by Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Toure and accompanied by OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti of Tunisia, met with President Ali Khamenei, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and

other high-ranking officials, the broadcast said.

This is the sixth time the OIC team has traveled in an effort to convince the Iranian authorities to seek a compromise in their demands with Iraq to end the 18-month-old war.

Iran has so far insisted on a complete and unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Iranian land before any negotiations begin. The radio, monitored here, did not say where the delegation would be headed next.

Meanwhile, the Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi arrived in Baghdad late Sunday night for talks with Iraqi officials. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported Monday. It said the visit was part of a tour which has also taken him to Syria, where he held talks with President Hafez Al-Assad, but it did not spell out the purpose.

Relations between Syria and Iraq worsened earlier this month when Syria stopped the flow of Iraqi crude oil across its territory, deepening differences caused by Syria's support for Iran in the Gulf war. In a statement published by INA, Klibi voiced deep concern over the dangers the Gulf was facing. He added that there was a general consensus in the Arab world to end the war, which might spread to other areas in the Gulf.

Kuwait, trying to mediate between Iraq and Syria, sent a special envoy to Damascus last Tuesday and a second is expected in Baghdad within the next few days.

Fraser aides quit on smuggling rap

CANBERRA, April 19 (R) — Australia's health and customs ministers resigned Monday night over the health minister's failure to declare a miniature TV radio-cassette to customs last October.

After five hours of discussions with senior ministers, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser announced he had accepted the resignations of Health Minister Michael Mackellar, 43, and John Moore, 45, who as business and consumer affairs minister was responsible for customs.

The affair has caused a new, potentially destructive crisis for Fraser, 51, who is already beset by economic problems including high interest rates, inflation, and unemployment, which have caused the popularity of his government to plummet. Earlier this



Indira Gandhi

Fahd, Indira talks cover global issues

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 19 — Crown Prince Fahd and Indian Premier Mrs. Indira Gandhi held formal talks here Monday which dealt with a number of international issues, especially those of the Middle East, South and Central Asia and other matters of mutual interest.

The talks were said to have been held in a friendly atmosphere and the two sides found that their views coincided on a number of issues. They also discussed ways of further strengthening bilateral relations in the interest of the two countries.

The talks were attended by Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Foreign Affairs Minister Prince Saud, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al Khail, minister of finance and national economy, Dr. Ghazi Algaosabi, minister of industry and electricity who is also the minister in waiting, Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications and Abbas Ghazawi, director of the Asian and African department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On the Indian side, the talks were attended by Pranab Mukherjee, minister of finance, Khurshid Alam Khan, Jaffer Sharif, ministers of state, Rajiv Gandhi, the premier's son and member of parliament, P.C. Alexander, advisor to the premier, Romesh Bhandari, undersecretary of foreign affairs, and T.T.P. Abdullah, the Indian ambassador here.

Earlier, Prince Fahd gave a luncheon party in Mrs. Gandhi's honor in his palace which was attended by a number of ministers and senior officials.

In the morning, Mrs. Gandhi visited the Planning Ministry where she was briefed about the current five-year development plan. Mukherjee briefed the Saudi Arabian side about India's development plan.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Gandhi attended the horse races with Prince Abdullah and other senior aides. The races were named after New Delhi, Riyadh, Calcutta, and Mrs. Gandhi. The last one was worth SR60,000 and a cup which she handed to the owner of the winning horse Prince Talal ibn Badr ibn Abdul Aziz.

Mrs. Gandhi is due to hold a press conference Tuesday morning before leaving for the Eastern Region to tour the University of Petroleum and Minerals and meet with representatives of the Indian community. She is due to leave for home the same day.

Babies, unable to speak, can read

BEVERLY HILLS, California, April 19 (AFP) — Babies can learn to read before being able to speak or walk, according to a leading American woman teacher who has just finished giving an eight-week course to five babies aged from four to six months.

Gloria Clifford of the Educational Remuneration Services Center showed them cards with names of toys, foods and their parents written on them. "They could not speak, but if we hold up two cards with words they've learned and ask them which one says daddy,

they can pick it out," she explained.

A baby can learn five words daily but "it's got to be fun and not pressured and it's got to be individualized." But Dr. Constance Amodeo, a Los Angeles child specialist, suggested that it is not such a good idea.

"With a gifted child, if you want to, go ahead. But I think it could be very dangerous. You could pin the baby into a situation in which he would fail, and you don't ever want to set anybody up for failure, especially a little baby."

Haig, Argentines 'nearing solution'

BUENOS AIRES, April 19 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Argentine negotiators are "approaching a solution" to the conflict between Argentina and Britain over the Falkland Islands, Argentine Air Force Commander Basilio Lami Dozo said Monday.

"We are approaching a solution, with the aid of the United States, but preserving Argentine interests," Lami Dozo, a member of Argentina's ruling military junta, told reporters. A final draft of a document, to be carried by Haig to London and Washington, is now being drafted, the general said.

Haig, using U.S. "good offices" to avert a war in the South Atlantic between Argentina and Britain, opened a fourth straight day of talks with Argentine leaders amid reports that an Argentine counterproposal may have broken a deadlock on the issue of island sovereignty.

The counterproposal, reported by the Buenos Aires newspaper *Clarín*, calls for withdrawal of some 9,000 Argentine troops from the islands and the return to Britain of a 40-ship fleet now under way to retake the islands. The issue of sovereignty — disputed by Argentina and Britain — would be sent to the United Nations for solution and a temporary joint Argentine-British administration would be set up to run the islands, with the United States acting as overseer, the newspaper said.

Argentine Foreign Ministry and U.S. State Department officials refused to confirm or deny *Clarín* report. Haig, who ended 12 straight hours of talks early Monday morning returned to government house at 1000 (1300 GMT) to resume discussion with Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez and other top officials.

"The final stage of the second round of negotiations has begun," said government Press Secretary Rodolfo Baltierrez, "with the same differences that existed Monday morning" when talks ended.

Argentine President Galtieri who met with Haig for 40 minutes Sunday, postponed a scheduled cabinet meeting and followed the talks from his office in government house.

The marathon talks, aimed at resolving the conflict growing out of Argentina's April 2 seizure of the British-administered Falkland, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, had been marked by growing pessimism over reported failure to agree on the issue of Argentina's claim of sovereignty over the islands.

The Argentines, who call the islands the Malvinas, claim they were illegally seized in 1833 by the British, who threw out Argentine authorities. Argentine officials have refused to negotiate the sovereignty issue.

"Argentina will not shoo the Malvinas, regardless of the outcome of negotiations, because finally, after 150 years, we are on Argentine territory and we're not going to give it up," said Galtieri Sunday.

The counterproposal, outlined by *Clarín* and attributed to "reliable sources," calls for: — Withdrawal of the Argentine troops from the Falklands and the return to Britain of a 40-ship task force now on its way to retake the islands. A British blockade imposed April 12 and extending 320 kms around the islands also would be lifted.

— Formation of a joint Argentine-British provisional government to administer the islands under U.S. supervision.

— The question of sovereignty would be negotiated in the United Nations within a fixed time period.



AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS: The Falklands negotiations team discusses its approach in the Buenos Aires hotel suite of American Secretary of State Alexander Haig, center, prior to resuming talks with Argentine Foreign Minister and President Leopoldo Galtieri. Left to right, Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman, Haig, and Thomas Enders, undersecretary for hemispheric affairs.

Kingdom's efforts reviewed

Taher sees oil glut ending

By Philip Shehadi
Arab News Staff

ALKHOBAR, April 19 — The international oil market is tightening up and could reach a supply-demand equilibrium by August or September, Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher said Sunday in an interview following the opening of Petrotech '82, the first Saudi oil petrochemical and energy exposition and convention.

Dr. Taher in his keynote address at Monday's conference outlined the salient features of the Kingdom's oil policy and objectives. "I watch the statistics every morning and the statistics — as of today — are not declining," he told *Arab News*. "Prices are not going down, in fact there is a very small improvement upward, and how long it will take to reach equilibrium depends on many other factors, provided that the international economy picks up as we expect in the next 2-3 months, that destocking stops, and that stocking for the next season begins — say in August or September — we expect to reach equilibrium."

Dr. Taher added that Petromin has been largely unaffected so far by Saudi Arabia's recent cutbacks in crude output. "There has been only one effect, namely that deliveries from Yanbu have been reduced proportionately — or rather less than proportionately. Otherwise sales of crude, gas liquids, and refined products have remained steady."

Roughly 100 delegates at Monday's session heard the Petromin governor review the Kingdom's multi-pronged efforts to develop its hydrocarbons resources. Dr. Taher stressed the moderate positions Saudi Arabia has followed on pricing matters within OPEC and its special attention to the needs of developing countries.

The Kingdom's massive \$12 billion gas gathering scheme was singled out in his speech as a success story bearing fruit. "The project is almost complete," Dr. Taher noted, "and we hope that by 1987 95 percent of all associated gas will be utilized. Flaring will remain only at remote fields," he said.

Dr. Taher dwelled equally on Petromin's (Continued on back page)

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GCC to hold emergency session

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers will hold an extraordinary meeting here Tuesday to discuss the current Arab situation in the light of recent developments in the region, a spokesman for the GCC secretariat general said Monday.

The spokesman added that the meeting may take only one session "because the issues to be discussed are definite and limited." The session will be held at the secretariat general's headquarters here. The foreign ministers form the GCC Ministerial Council.

The 'swift action' is part of the GCC states' efforts to close the Arab ranks, contain differences, bring views closer and improve the atmosphere to reinforce the Arab stand in international circles, the spokesman said.

Foreign ministers of member states will begin arriving to Riyadh Tuesday afternoon, he added. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara will receive the participant ministers.

Al-Sheikh, Bahraini confer

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — A working session was held here Monday between Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and his Bahraini counterpart, Habib Ahmad Qassem. Discussions centered on cooperation in agriculture and water resources and means of promoting it, Al-Sheikh said. Talks also covered farming and animal resources. "The Bahraini minister has the opportunity to see for himself projects established by the private sector and others by the state," the minister said.

The Bahraini minister arrived earlier in the day on a few days' visit at the invitation of Dr. Al-Sheikh. He was received by Al-Sheikh and senior officials of the ministry.

The Kingdom's delegation included Abdullah Al-Ghulaiaq, saline water conversion corporation governor; Muhammad

Ali Makki, deputy minister for agricultural affairs; Abdullah Al-Musaed, deputy minister for water affairs; Abdul Aziz Al-Mudbil, deputy minister for agricultural development.

Bahrain's side comprised Hassan Ali Al-Nisf, assistant deputy minister for commercial affairs; and Sadiq Al-Alawi, agricultural department director.

Qassem said, in an arrival statement, the visit aims at consulting with the Kingdom's officials and exchanging views and information, in addition to getting acquainted with the agricultural boom in the country. The economy treaty, signed by members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, will be the general initiative point for cooperation to realize objectives in the interest of both countries, he added.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — King Khaled congratulated President of Sierra Leone Dr. Seika Stevens on his country's republic day. The King also received a message of thanks from Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba in reply to a congratulatory cable sent of Tunisia's independence day.

SANAA (SPA) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh has received a writ-

ten message from Saudi Arabian Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. Also Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Karim Al-Iryani received a similar message from Prince Sultan. The messages were delivered by the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Sanaa Sheikh Irad Al-Harithi Sunday night.

RIYADH (SPA) — A seminar of senior municipal officials, mayors and directors of municipal directorates begins here next Monday under Prince Miteb, public works and housing minister and acting municipal and rural affairs minister. The seminar will deal with municipalities' works and attempt solutions to difficulties they face.

RIYADH (SPA) — Turkey and Iran signed Monday contracts for their chanceries at the proposed diplomatic enclave in Riyadh. The contracts were signed by Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam bringing the total to 35, of which 13 provide for ownership, 10 for leases and 12 were granted on reciprocal bases like the Turkish one.

RIYADH (SPA) — Indonesian Defense Minister Geo. Muhammad Yusuf arrives here Tuesday on a three-day visit at the invitation of Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. The Indonesian minister will inspect the progress achieved by the Kingdom's Armed Forces sectors, perform the umrah and visit the Prophet's Mosque.

RIYADH (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Al-Sheikh has approved the award of a SR7.6 million contract to a national company for implementing several drinking water projects in Jizan area.

Palestinians get more assistance

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — The Kingdom gave the Palestinian revolution additional financial assistance Sunday, according to Fateh representative here, Rafiq Al-Natshah, Monday.

He commended the continuous support by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, the government and people of Saudi Arabia to the Palestinian struggle and revolution. Natshah said this assistance crowns King Khaled's efforts for solidarity with the people of Palestine and represents an appreciation of challenges faced by the Palestinian revolution in its struggle against occupation.

The Palestinian official did not disclose the size of the aid.

Meanwhile, the Muslim World League (MWL) has voiced full support to the valiant struggle of the Palestinians and strongly condemned the shooting at Al-Aqsa Mosque by "the Zionist gangs."

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, of MWL secretary general sent Sunday cables denouncing the Israeli oppressive practices in the occupied Arab territories and the shooting of the Al-Aqsa Mosque to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of National Guard, and Prince Salman, Riyadh governor.

ISBO granted \$1.5m

JEDDAH, April 19 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia donated \$1.5 million for the Islamic States Broadcasting Organizations Monday. A check was handed over by Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri to Ahmad Farrag, ISBO's secretary general, during a meeting here.

Mansouri stressed the Kingdom's support to the organization to enable it to play its role in serving the Islamic media and promote the call to Islam.

Ministry gives out SR215m students' stipends this year

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — The Ministry of Education disbursed SR215.6 million as stipends and aid to students of its schools in different educational zones this year, it was announced here Monday.

Those who benefited numbered 73,249 foreign students on whom a total of SR7,499,010 were spent. While the students in primary, intermediate and secondary schools as well as those studying at the Holy Quran memorization schools received SR600 monthly, those studying at the teachers' training institutes and other private institutions received SR300 and students of other modern intermediate schools SR150 per month.

The ministry also gave scholarships that totaled SR884,740 to 184 foreign students, while stipends given to the students of private education institutes touched SR26.7 million.

Varsity senate to discuss budget

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — The second session of Ummul Qura University's senate will be held on Monday under Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and vice chancellor of the universities.

The meeting will discuss the university's budget for the next fiscal year and the request to approve recommendations of a special committee set up to carry out a study on the uniforms and remunerations, besides some other administrative, financial and educational matters.

The senate comprises Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning; Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi, president of the civil service board; Dr. Abdullah Nassif, rector of King Abdul Aziz university; Dr. Muhammad Saad Al-Qahatani, rector of King Faisal university; Sheikh Saleh Muhammad Jamal, chairman of

covering 2,287 hostel students, each of whom was given SR90 per month at the primary stage; SR135 at the intermediate and SR180 at the secondary. Other students received SR300 per month at the primary stage, SR375 at the intermediate and SR450 at the secondary.

The total amount spent on the Holy Quran memorization schools reached SR58 million benefitting 18,325 students, at the rate of SR250 each at the primary stage, SR500 at the intermediate and SR600 at the secondary.

About SR17 million benefitted 4,535 training teachers, at the rate of SR450 per month to each student at the training institute, SR525 to each arts student of intermediate college, SR600 to each science student and SR675 to each student at the Center of Science and Mathematics.

The town council and of Makkah's chamber of commerce and industry; Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh, Ummul Qura pro-vice-chancellor; Dr. Muhammad Al-Ghamdi, the university's secretary general; and deans of faculties and other institutes affiliated to the university.

Gulf officials to meet

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — A meeting of officials from the Arab Gulf Education Bureau and the Follow-up Bureau of the Arab Gulf of Labor and Social Affairs Ministerial Council will be held here Tuesday to discuss cooperation and coordination between the two offices.

The meeting will aim to create channels of contacts, exchange of documents and visits and to hold study circles.

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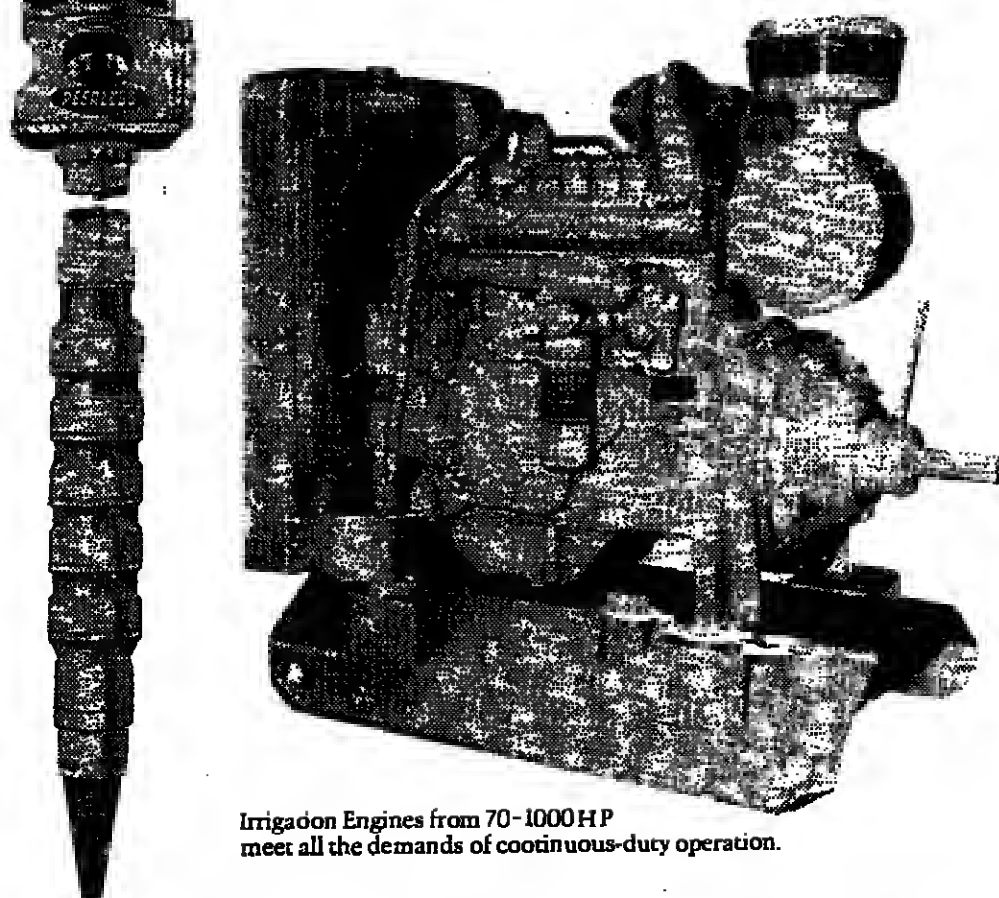
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Riyadh, Bonn view security cooperation

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and West Germany held talks on security cooperation here Monday. The two countries' delegations were led by Interior Minister Prince Naif and his German counterpart, Gerhart Baum.

Prince Naif said after the meeting that discussions centered on reviewing cooperation between the interior ministries. "An agreement has been reached on the guidelines for such cooperation and details have been left to security experts of the two countries to pursue the issue in the near future," he said.

The prince commended Baum's readiness

for cooperation in providing technical equipment, security expertise and training. He hoped to develop the Kingdom's security authority "to the level we aspire for through cooperation with Germany."

Speaking on the Interior Ministry's computerization project, Prince Naif said furnishings for the project have been completed and the concerned company is already implementing the project. However, German expertise will be introduced to improve the performance of the project according to the latest methods achieved by Germany, he added.

The German minister also stressed cooperation in a similar statement.

The Kingdom's side to the meeting included Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad; Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji, undersecretary; Abdul Rahman Al-Abdul Latif, assistant undersecretary for security affairs; Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, public security director; Gen. Muhammad ibn Hallal, frontier corps director general; Lt. Gen. Saleh Khusaifan, assistant director general of the public investigation department; Maj. Gen. Muhammad Al-Ballagh, interior ministers office director; Saad ibn Othman, assistant secretary general of the national security council; and Col. Muhammad Al-Tuwayyan, assistant director of the internal security forces academy.

The German side included Bonn's ambassador here, the assistant interior minister, deputy chief of the criminal investigation department, frontier corps director and heads of interior ministry departments.

Baum arrived here earlier in the day on a three-day official visit at the invitation of Prince Naif, who received him at the airport. Prince Ahmad and senior officials of the ministry and civil officials also were among the reception party.

AISU delegates inspect Hadeed

JUBAIL, April 19 (SPA) — Members of the Arab Iron and Steel Union general assembly paid a visit to Saudi Iron and Steel Company (Hadeed), a subsidiary of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), Monday.

They inspected the maintenance workshop and later acquainted themselves with the company's cooling plant and other units. The delegation also visited the steel smelting unit which comprises three furnaces with a productive capacity from 70 to 85 megawatt. It also has a scrap iron storing facility with a capacity of 100,000 tons. The steel unit's

annual productive capacity is 800,000 tons of reinforced new bars in the first stage of its operation.

The delegation also visited the steel rolling plant which has two units with an annual productive capacity of 100,000 tons of wires and cutting instruments.

Later, they called at the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu's project and to inspect industrial installations and residential units which are now under implementation. They concluded the tour by visiting the Jubail commercial seaport.

ISF approves allocations for Islamic bodies

By Ahmad Shaaban
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 19 — The Islamic Solidarity Fund winds up a three-day session here Tuesday under Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, president of ISF's permanent council. The session was mainly devoted to the distribution of funds to Islamic associations throughout the world and to victims of natural calamities and man-made disasters.

Last Saturday, the fund's budget committee approved a \$18.2 million budget for financial year 1982/83. This budget included \$4 million for relief aid to various Islamic countries; \$1 million to be spent on schools, hospitals and Islamic associations; another \$2,350,000 for Islamic centers; \$750,000 for Islamic propaganda programs; \$5.9 million to foster scientific research at Islamic universities; \$400,000 for youth welfare programs; \$200,000 for seminars; \$100,000 for the Hijrah century activities; \$2 million to foster resistance against the Judaization of Jerusalem; \$850,000 for administrative expenses and \$1 million as reserve.

The council decided Monday to give \$200,000 to the Moro Liberation Front in the Philippines for humanitarian purposes; \$150,000 for the Muslims of Mali; \$400,000 for Muslim refugees in Sudan; \$150,000 for drought-stricken Mauritania; \$120,000 to Sierra Leone; \$300,000 to Pakistan for Afghan refugees; \$100,000 to the Comoros; \$325,000 for the Palestine Liberation Organization; \$200,000 for the refugees in Somalia; \$150,000 to Djibouti and \$100,000 to Gambia.

Governor opens exhibit

DAMMAM, April 19 (SPA) — Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Province, opened Sunday an art exhibition that serves the Islamic home. It has been organized by the provincial directorate general of education.

Participants in the five-day exhibition include regional education directorates of Ahhsa, Arar, Jauf, Jizan, Najran and Hail.

Abdullah to see maneuvers

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, will attend next Tuesday and Wednesday the final phases of the National Guards' maneuvers with live ammunition in a secret place outside the capital.

The military exercises code-named "Al-Deriyab" in view of the historic importance of that event, have been going on for the past seven days by units of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud armored brigade. During the ceremony, Prince Abdullah will attend the graduation of the first artillery and supply groups.

Saudi Royal Air Force planes are providing effective air cover for the land formations during the exercises of the joint forces in the context of a mock joint battle, according to officials.

A National Guard spokesman said such exercises are annual events and that the current ones are the third of their type. The first of the two was conducted two years ago under the name of "Shurouq Al-Shams" (Sunrise). The second took place last year and was labeled "Saqr Quraish" (the eagle of Quraish). They are staged to check the proficiency of the men and their assimilation of the art of war and fighting as well as in the use of modern weaponry.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:43	3:49	3:21	3:10	3:34	4:07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:43	6:47	6:18	6:07	6:31	7:03
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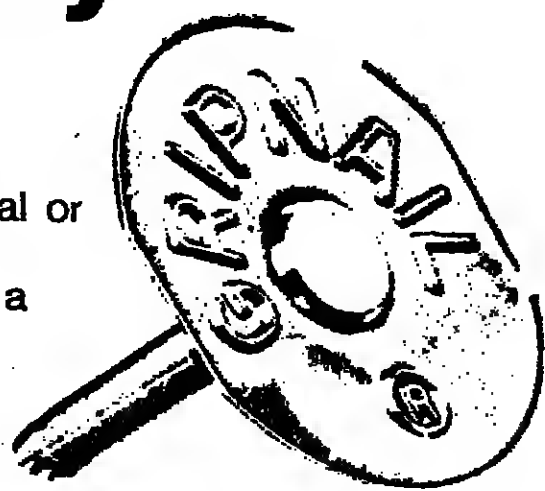
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May Almighty God bless his soul.
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Ali arrives in Israel for talks on Sinai

TEL AVIV, April 19 (AFP) — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali arrived here Monday to smooth over last-minute differences with Israeli leaders over the final return of Sinai to Egypt next Sunday.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on greeting Ali that Israeli-Egyptian relations had entered a "critical and important phase." Ali arrived 48 hours earlier than planned so that Walter Stoessel, the U.S. deputy secretary of state who is now in Israel, could participate in the talks as representative of the third signatory in the Camp David peace accords between Egypt and Israel. Butros Ghali, Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs, also flew in from Cairo.

Concern over possible last-minute snags in the Sinai return was fueled not only by the apparent acceleration in Israeli-Egyptian meetings but also by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's announcement of an extraordinary cabinet meeting Wednesday. "We will then have all the information to know what will happen Sunday, April 25, if something is to happen that day," Begin said.

Stoessel and Begin met for two hours Sunday night, and Stoessel's lack of comment

after four days of reassuring remarks fed the mood of suspense.

The Israeli cabinet meeting is set for 5 p.m. Wednesday (1500 GMT), during which a government spokesman said "decisions are to be made". Israel has alleged that Egypt was violating agreements on the restricted deployment of troops in Sinai zones that have already been returned to Egypt. According to reporters, Israel was expecting United States' intelligence planes to verify if Egypt was in compliance.

Other outstanding problems include the small tourist zone of Tabah, where Egyptians want construction of an Israeli tourist complex halted but the Israelis intend to continue until the question is settled by an arbitration committee after the April 25 turnover.

The thorniest problem focuses on Israel's wish, through a new document or exchange of letters, to prevent Egypt from making any quick public statement of support for Palestinian self-determination.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army Monday started evacuating some 1,500 to 2,000 Jewish extremists holding out in the northern Sinai town of Yamit.

'Baghdad ready to resume ties with Cairo'

NEW YORK, April 19 (Agencies) — Iraq will resume diplomatic ties with Egypt after Israel's scheduled April 25 total withdrawal from the Sinai, *Newsweek* magazine said in its latest issue.

Iraq was one of the first Arab countries to break relations with Egypt after former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visited Israel in 1977. Quoting informed Arab sources, *Newsweek* also said Egypt recently gave Iraq \$1,000 million worth of military equipment for its war against Iran.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union is anxious to appoint an ambassador in Cairo at any time Egypt finds it acceptable, the Egyptian ruling party's newspaper *Masr*, said Monday. The Soviet Union also hopes Egypt appoints an ambassador to Moscow, the paper said.

Late President Sadat expelled the Soviet ambassador and six ranking diplomats last September accusing the Soviet Union of involvement in the Christian-Muslim strife that occurred in Cairo last summer. At the time, Egypt's ambassador to the Soviet Union was in Cairo for consultations and did not return to his post after the incident.

Soviets must quit Afghanistan, Iran tells U.N. special envoy

BEIRUT, April 19 (AP) — Iranian officials have told the visiting United Nations special envoy Diego Cordovez that they would welcome any comprehensive plan suggested by the U.N. to solve the Afghan issue so long as the plan corresponded with Iran's conditions in this regard.

The Iranian news agency Irna, formerly Pars, said Cordovez was holding talks with Iranian officials. The U.N. envoy had earlier held wide-ranging discussions in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Quoting a foreign ministry spokesman, the

news agency said Iran wanted a complete and unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, which has been there since December 1979. It added that the Soviet troops must not be replaced by any other foreign forces, that an estimated five million Afghan refugees now living in Iran and Pakistan must be allowed to return to their homes, and that the people of Afghanistan must be allowed to determine their own future. Last November, Iran proposed a similar plan which was rejected by both Kabul and Moscow.

Bir Zeit University reopens

TEL AVIV, April 19 (R) — The Palestinian University of Bir Zeit on the occupied West Bank reopened Monday after being closed for two months following anti-Israeli riots.

It was the second time this year the authorities had shut down Bir Zeit, a centre of Palestinian nationalism. The Israeli military governor had accused university officials and students of violating an order to refrain from political activities and violent demonstrations. The move set off a wave of disturbances on the West Bank.

An order imposed last November on seven members of the university's student council banning them from leaving their home towns has not been lifted, military sources said.

Meanwhile, stone throwing incidents on Israeli vehicles continued in Jenin and Nablus. The military imposed a curfew on a road in Tulkarem after a homemade bomb was hurled at a military jeep.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A Soviet submarine equipped with electronic radio monitoring equipment has been stationed for some time about 25 nautical miles off the Israeli coast, it was reported Monday. Several Israeli newspapers reported the presence of the Soviet vessel, quoting "impeccable" sources. The reports said the sub was beyond the territorial limits of Israeli waters.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — The Algerian university center of Tizi-Ouzou was shut down Monday for an unspecified period, the university union announced. No official reason for the closure was given. But students said the center was closed to prevent possible unrest. The move coincides with the second anniversary of clashes between security forces and Berber students. The students had planned a series of cultural activities this week about the Berbers.

KUALA LUMPUR, (R) — Former Malaysian Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman Monday called on Arab governments to organize a holy army to recover Jerusalem from Israel.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israeli cabinet Minister for Labor Abu-Hatzeira, was convicted Monday on three charges of theft, fraud and breach of trust by a Tel Aviv court. He was on trial for misappropriating money from a state-subsidized charity fund endowed in his father's name between 1975 and 1978.

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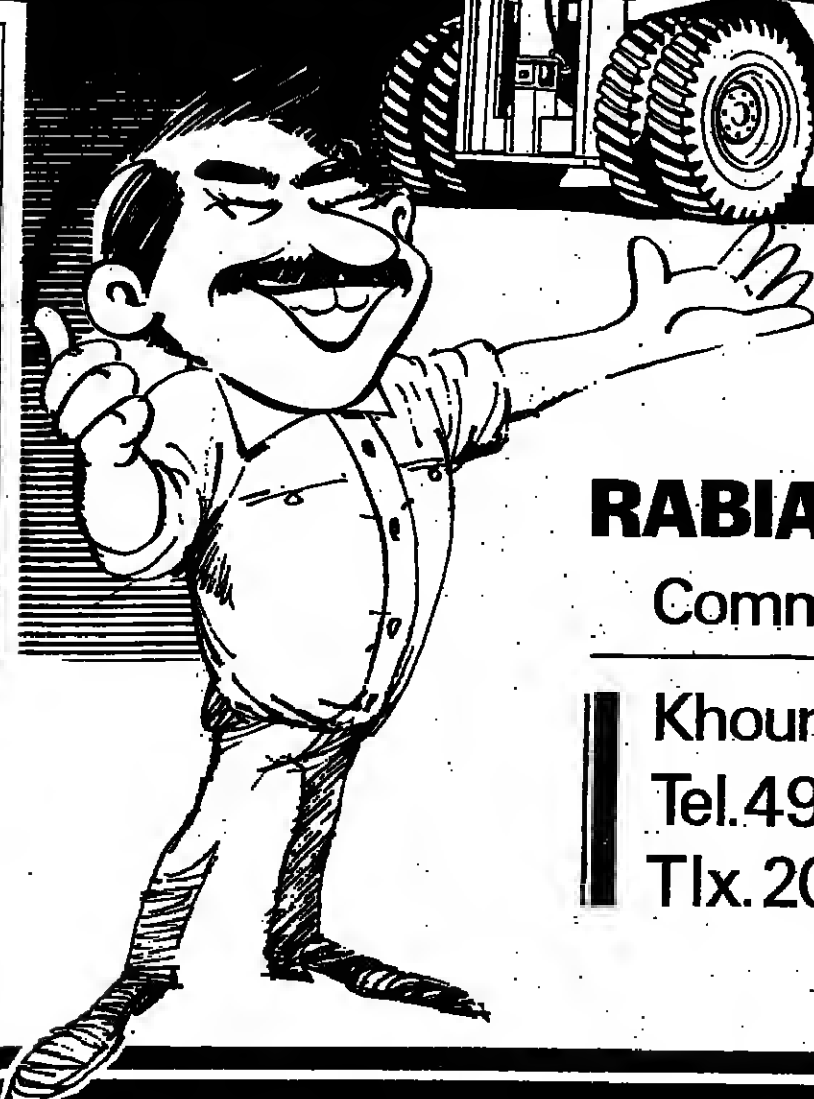
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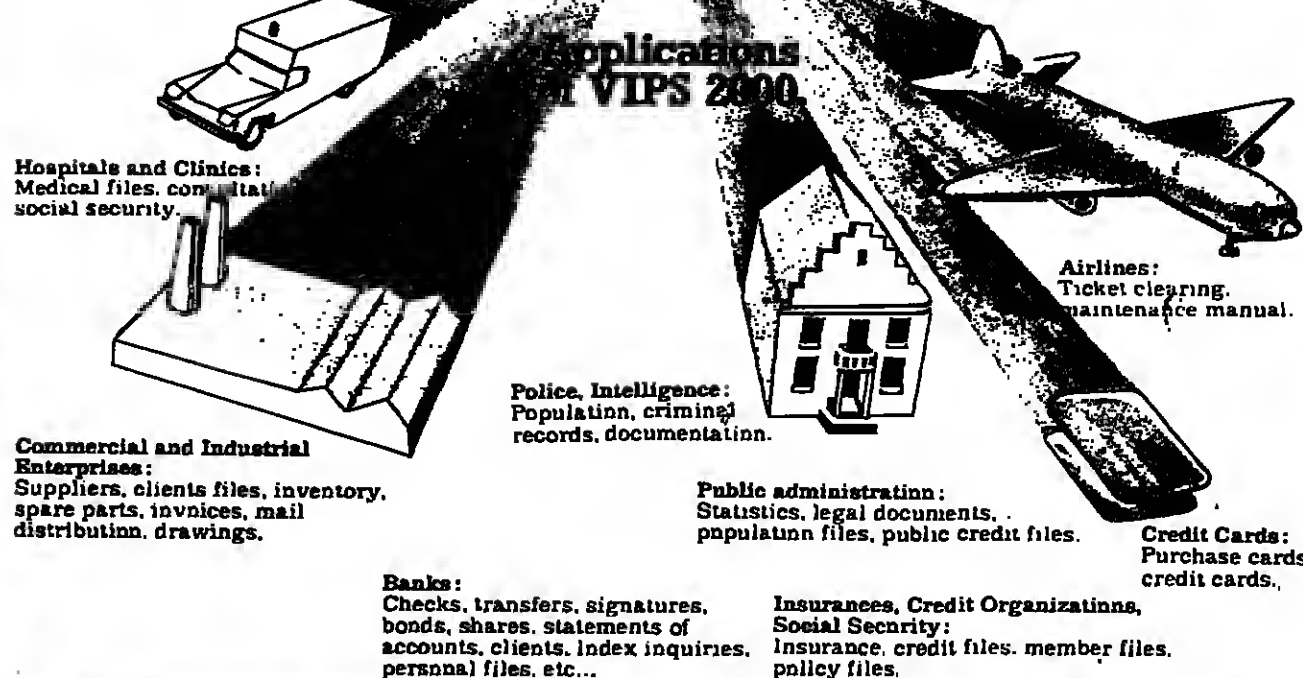
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If U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig can produce a peaceful solution of the Falklands crisis which has been threatening to lead to war between Britain and Argentina he will have achieved a staggering success for American diplomacy. He will also have avoided the need for a bloody confrontation between the two countries which would have led to serious consequences for them and others around them.

The indications so far are that he has produced a tentative formula which has apparently been acceptable to Argentina and may be favorably studied by Britain for a kind of joint administration of the Falklands, a sort of condominium with U.S. blessing until a final solution is reached within the next few years of patient negotiations.

Haig has worked tirelessly to defuse the tension between the two antagonists and without his efforts the British might have already attacked Argentina's shipping and starved its garrison on the islands. But the thorny issue of eventual devolution of sovereignty will still remain to haunt the negotiators. Britain will adhere to the principle of self-determination for the 1,800 islanders while the Argentines will demand the restoration of sovereignty to them regardless of the inhabitants' wishes.

It is going to be another problem if the islanders opt for British protection or even independence. If they opt for independence who is going to protect them and guarantee their freedom while the aggrieved Argentines still hanker after what they call their own territory annexed by Britain. A lot of questions will remain to be answered in the future if Haig succeeds in keeping the forces well apart to avoid war.

Britain, which postponed negotiations with Spain about reopening the borders between Spain and Gibraltar, another territory claimed by two countries, may find itself under intense Spanish pressure to talk over the future of the rock. Spain may not march its troops into the little piece of land adjoining it but will be interested to hear British views on its future.

Saudi Arabian press review

The convening of an emergency meeting of the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council to discuss Gulf and Middle East developments and the Islamic Peace Committee efforts to bring an end to the Iraq-Iran war were the main subjects for editorial comment in Monday's newspapers.

Al-Jazira said, "The Gulf leaders have set an example for a joint Arab struggle to liberate the occupied territories and recover the usurped Palestinian lands."

The paper highlighted the Gulf states' political and diplomatic efforts, both at the Arab and international levels, and their continued financial backing to the Palestinian revolution to enable it to realize its goals.

"The positive response shown by the Gulf states to King Khaled's call in support of the Palestinians is a reflection of the Kingdom's respectable position in the Arab and Islamic world," it added.

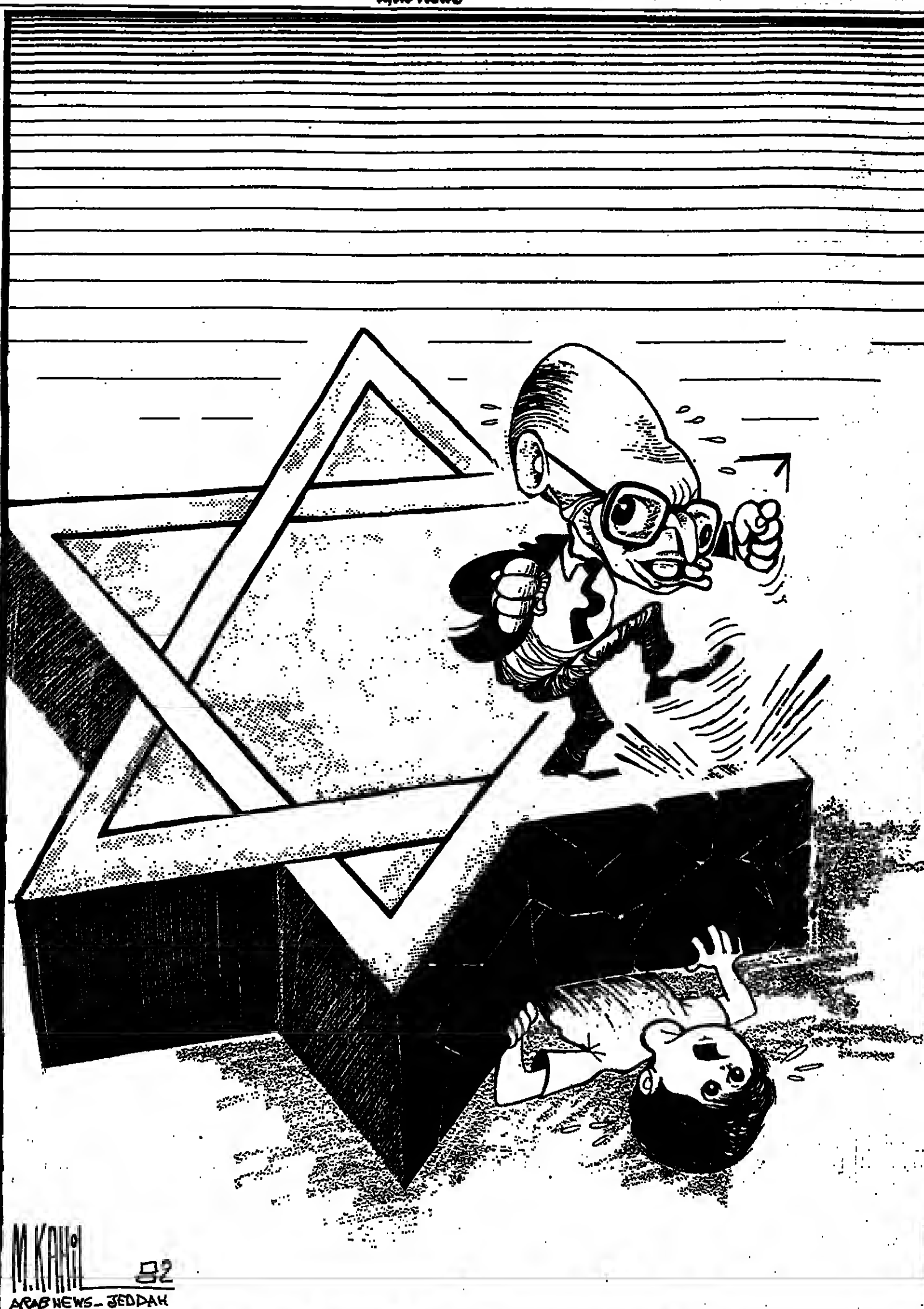
Al-Bilad hailed the worldwide response to Arab and Islamic moves to face the repeated Zionist assaults on the Arabs and on Islamic shrines. The paper stressed that Arab and Islamic moves have forced Israel and its supporters to reassess their positions and designs in the Middle East.

Dealing with the U.S. stand during the Security Council's debate on the shooting at Al-Aqsa Mosque, Al-Madina wrote, "The U.S. stand is not important since Washington has been known for its open support for Israel, disregarding Israel's criminal acts in the occupied Arab territories and the Zionist aggression in the Middle East region. It will be a black spot in Arab-American relations."

Okaz deplored the indifference of the U.S. administration to find suitable means to solve the Mideast problem.

"It is strange to observe the U.S. deep concern and worry over the Falklands issue which is after all a minor issue, as compared to the crucial developments in the Middle-East. It is regrettable to note the outcome of Euro-American efforts during the last 38 years to settle the Mideast problem," the paper said.

On the Islamic Peace Committee's efforts to bring an end to the Iraq-Iran war, Al-Riyadh expressed hope that Baghdad and Tehran would respond to the Islamic call to settle the dispute peacefully. The paper urged Iranian leaders to "listen to voice of reason" and accept the proposals of the Islamic committee. (SPA)



The Palestine connection

By Michael Adams

I must have paid a dozen visits to Israel and the occupied territories since 1967. Sometimes the situation has been a little better. Sometimes a little worse, but I have never known an atmosphere of such deep-seated and all-pervading gloom as I found this month. It is hard to say who was the gloomiest of all: the Palestinians who felt themselves isolated and abandoned inside the walls of a steadily shrinking prison, the Israelis who found themselves obliged to use more and more violent means to maintain their hold on the occupied territories, or the onlookers who were neither Arabs nor Jews and who might have wished to set on foot a process of reconciliation but who found themselves helpless in the face of the entrenched hostility of both parties.

What was worst was to feel that the hostility — in fact, the hatred — on both sides was growing as the chances of a settlement faded and as the uncompromising tactics of the hard men in Israel provoked an equally uncompromising response from the Palestinians. On one sleepless night spent in turning over these discouraging thoughts, it occurred to me that following events in Palestine over the past 15 years had been like watching a heavily loaded truck, which someone had left parked at the top of a steep hill, and seeing it move slowly forward and downward, gathering speed as it went, until — and this is the stage we have reached now — it was plunging out of control toward an inevitable disaster.

That image seems to me to reflect with accuracy the mood of the moment in Palestine; and perhaps

Letter to the editor

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Sir,
The visits of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd around the country to meet people and hear their problems and suggestions (Arab News, April 7), are commendable and worthy of high praise. For one, such visits are indicative of sincere love and care for their people that very few heads of state have done. Such a gesture of concern is indeed a great example of effective and efficient public administration. The Kingdom's leaders are not only bringing the Kingdom closer to the people, but also they are actually making these people feel that they are also parts of the Kingdom.

As a foreigner in this country, I have been impressed by such display of highest statesmanship and I feel proud that I am now in a country whose top leaders, besides performing their duties in the highest interests of public service, also love and care for their people.

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the most frightening aspect of this vision is the fact that the bottom of the hill is out of sight and that we have no way of knowing exactly what form the disaster will take or who it will involve. All that seems certain is that the scale of it will be greater than that of any of the preceding catastrophes arising out of the Arab-Israel conflict over Palestine; and I am very much afraid that it is too late to prevent it. If that is an alarming thought for those of us who are only indirectly involved, it must be a terrifying one for the immediate protagonists.

For the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip it is only one of many anxieties. Their most pressing preoccupation these days is the total lack of security they feel in the face of Israeli pressure — pressure which is exerted more and more openly in the shape of violent physical intimidation. No Palestinian, of either sex or of any age, is safe from this violence, which is practiced against the unarmed population of towns and villages and refugee camps alike, either by the Israeli security forces acting under the cloak of legality or by the Jewish settlers, who pay no attention to the law but enjoy the protection of the security forces when they require it. The dreadful incident in Jerusalem on April 11 only gave added emphasis to this shocking fact.

For a civilian population numbering more than one million people to be thus left for 15 years at the mercy of an alien army of occupation provides for many of us a vivid reminder of the days 40 years ago when much of Europe was under Nazi occupation. But the situation of the subject peoples of Europe in the 1940s, inhuman as it was, was yet far less respect better than that of the Palestinians in the occupied territories today.

The peoples of Norway and France and Czechoslovakia and Poland and Greece at least knew that powerful nations were making an all-out effort to come to their assistance and they saw the tide of battle slowly turning to the advantage of their liberators. For the Palestinians there is no such distant comfort. All that they see is a world of bitter enemies and lukewarm friends; and I am not sure that the Palestinians do not prefer the open hostility of the former to the empty assurances of the latter. With their enemies at least they know where they stand.

For the Israelis, those of them who look beyond tomorrow, the picture is not much more encouraging. For the moment they are on top: they are the victors, they have the arms, they are protected, whatever breaches of the law they commit, by the most powerful nation on earth. But they are deeply apprehensive, a prey to a variety of fears, real and imaginary, which induce in them a tendency to schizophrenia, so that they are at the same time contemptuous of the Palestinians whom they have dispossessed and — for the same reason — terrified of them. The extravagant terms in which even sophisticated Israelis (from the prime minister downward) speak of the Palestine Liberation Organization indicate a deep-seated and instinctive

sense of insecurity. On top of this, the Israelis today are well aware that the reservoir of sympathy and support they once enjoyed in the outside world is fast evaporating and that even the American Jewish community, Israel's ultimate support, is beginning to waver as the trend toward fascism and racism inside Israel strains the loyalty of Jews brought up in a democratic tradition.

How to escape from this impasse is a problem which is common to both sides; and it has surely become plain that, left to themselves, they will not solve it. It has also become plain that the Europeans, who with difficulty nerved themselves to make an attempt to solve it, have been frightened off; and that the Americans, who have the power to solve it, lack the understanding and are too hopelessly committed to the Israelis. There is no one else who can do anything useful toward providing a solution — except of course the Arabs. There is only one way in which I can see that the impasse could be broken and the way opened to a settlement which could rescue some part of Palestine before the catastrophe which everyone now foresees as imminent in the Middle East.

Everyone knows what the broad lines of such a settlement should be: that it would involve the creation of an independent Palestinian state which would live alongside a state of Israel stripped of the Arab lands occupied in 1967; that it would require an arrangement over the city of Jerusalem which gave to both sides access to the city and a share in its administration; that there would have to be a complex and effective set of arrangements for border control, disarmament, mutual security and early warning systems; and that the whole settlement would need to be underpinned by the most stringent guarantees on the part of the United Nations, the two superpowers, the Arab League and the European Community. What is lacking is the machinery to arrange such a settlement and to bring the various parties together to negotiate it. And that is something that could be provided very quickly once the Western world was convinced of the need for it.

To speak plainly, as long as the West and in particular the United States sees that nothing is seriously disturbing its interests in the Middle East, it will not make any great effort — and certainly will not take any risks — to solve a problem which it feels able to live with. Only when its own interests — strategic interests, economic interests, commercial interests — are adversely affected, will the West exert itself to solve the problem.

For their own sake as well as for the sake of the Palestinians, the Arabs should make it clear that there is a connection between the Palestine problem and the security of Western interests in the Middle East. Instead of this the Arabs appear ready to join in a pattern of cooperation which serves the interests of the West but ignores those of the Palestinians. Whether this is wise or just — or safe — seems to me to be a question that requires more careful thought than it has yet received.

Schmidt's fall predicted as party loses voter support

By Aileen Szalay

BONN —

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democrats are losing voter support so fast that some political pundits are predicting Schmidt will fall this year. Schmidt's coalition partners, the Free Democrats, and their party head, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, hold the key to West Germany's political future.

Only if they withdraw their support can Schmidt's government fall. In that event, President Karl Carstens would try under the nation's basic law to find a political leader capable of forming a new government. In practice, however, a collapse of the coalition under present circumstances would likely mean that Carstens in the end would have to call new elections.

The Social Democrats have been quarreling among themselves and with their coalition partners ever since Schmidt and his government was re-elected with a thumping 45-seat parliamentary majority in 1980.

As splits have deepened in Schmidt's party on key defense, economic and foreign policy issues, so has the gloom. There is a growing feeling that the party might be ready, after 13 years at the head of government and three years in the 1966-69 grand coalition, for political convalescence on the opposition benches.

Two recent financial scandals tainting both the Schmidt government and the Social Democrats' traditional trade-union power base strengthened that conviction. "How is the normal citizen supposed to feel any attachment to public institutions if we're all shown up as corrupt and divided?" asked one government member, a Social Democrat who asked not to be named.

In Lower Saxony last March 21, the public gave its first verdict. And that appeared to be that Schmidt and his party should go.

The Christian Democrats who oppose Schmidt on a national level did more than hold on to power in the state. They won an absolute majority — 50.7 percent of the vote. The Social Democrats lost 5.7 percent of the 42.2 percent poll they won in the state four years before. Some supporters drifted to the Christian and Free Democrats. Others stayed home.

Even for strong Social Democratic sympathizers and party members, it was a sign that the *endzeit* — the end — had come.

But quitting is neither in Schmidt's character, nor is it his decision to make. Under West German law, a government is elected for four years unless the chancellor loses a vote of confidence in parliament. Schmidt asked for such a vote in February and won, with all 269 votes of Social and Free Democrat deputies.

The only way Schmidt could lose power, therefore, is if either his own party abandoned him, or the Free Democrats did. It is thought unlikely a majority of Social Democrats will vote against his controversial pro-NATO, pro-free market economy policies, although leftists will dislike them as much as ever.

This turns the spotlight on the present disarray of West German politics: on Foreign Minister Genscher, the Free Democrat. He has lately used speeches and news interviews to heat up the quarrel with the Social Democrats, threatening to break the latest patched-up compromise between the two.

Yet there is no sign a really crucial issue will emerge to force a split. And even if it came, it is not certain Genscher's party would support a coalition with the conservative Christian Democrats.

A recent meeting of party leftists in Cologne firmly declared they would not enter a coalition with the conservatives. Another factor making any change of coalition uncertain is that it is not clear who would head a Christian Democrat government.

The current leader, Helmut Kohl, failed in his bid to oust Schmidt from the chancellorship in the 1976 elections. His rival, Premier Franz-Josef Strauss of Bavaria, fared even worse in 1980, obtaining only 44.5 percent of the vote in the conservatives' poorest showing ever.

Other candidates for the leadership are Ernst Albrecht, the Lower Saxony premier who enhanced his chances with his March 21 result, and Gerhard Stoltenberg, a financial expert with an elder statesman image who is premier in Schleswig-Holstein.

There is no immediate prospect of a conservative government. But that may change after two state polls in Hamburg and in Hesse in September. In Hamburg, Schmidt's hometown, political observers estimate the Social Democrats may lose more than 10 percent on their 1978 vote. In one Lower Saxony district bordering Hamburg, the party dropped 11 percent in the March 2 elections.

In Hesse, Environmentalists are also strong, opposing nuclear-power stations and the third Frankfurt Rhein-main airport runway favored by the Social Democrat-Free Democrat state government. (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 20th, the 110th day of 1982. There are 255 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1792 — France declares war on Austria.

1854 — Austria and Prussia conclude defensive alliance against Russia.

1919 — King Nicholas is dethroned on Montenegro, which votes for union with Serbo-Slovene-Croat state (Yugoslavia).

1923 — Egyptian constitution is adopted.

1945 — Soviet forces penetrate Berlin defenses in World War II.

1957 — The United States resumes aid to Israel; Japan protests to the Soviet Union over nuclear tests.

1959 — United Federal Party wins northern Rhodesia elections, and African National Congress is suppressed.

1963 — Former U.S. Vice President Richard Nixon calls for whatever action necessary to force Soviet troops out of Cuba.

1970 — U.S. President Richard Nixon announces withdrawal of 150,000 U.S. military personnel from South Vietnam.

1977 — Pakistani opposition groups hold strikes and protest marches in several cities, demanding resignation of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Thought for today:

When you are laboring for others, let it be with the same zeal as if it were for yourself. — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551-479 B.C.)

Special techniques necessary here

Proper preparation is essential before painting buildings white

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH — White is the most appropriate paint color and one which will survive the unique conditions found in Saudi Arabia according to Peter Marechal, Jeddah branch manager of Hempel Paints. He indicated that in order to meet the specifications established by the Jeddah Building Department advance preparation of the surface to be painted is the first very important step.

"It is common knowledge in the paint world that most of the complaints about paint failures are due to poor surface preparation, or even worse, complete lack of it," explained Marechal. "It is, therefore, essential that prior to painting, a good surface preparation takes place."

Marechal offered the following guidelines to help in obtaining a good and durable paint job.

First, make sure that the surface to be painted is cleaned thoroughly. Scrape off all loose particles and remove dust and other impurities by hosing down the surface with fresh water. It is necessary that the surface to be painted is completely dry before painting begins.

New Buildings

New surface should be dry and fully cured. Marechal cautioned that this is a very important step with one coat of an alkaline resistant primer/sealer applied before the outer coating of white paint.

"The main purpose of this primer/sealer is to form a separation between the alkaline surface and the coating system," said Marechal. "By sealing off the porous substrate this coat will also prevent a high paint

absorption and will provide a uniform surface for subsequent coats.

"These last two reasons make it essential to use such a primer/sealer on older buildings with very porous and powdery surfaces. Make sure that the primer/sealer you select will be compatible with the chosen paint. Preferably both should be the same brand."

Marechal cautioned that the climatic conditions in Jeddah, especially in areas close to the Red Sea, like the Al Baghdadiyyah and Al Hamra districts, require high standards in the selected paint system.

"Paint on all exterior surfaces in these areas has to withstand the continuous exposure to ultraviolet light, which can cause color-fading, and the paint should have solar heat reflecting properties," he said. "White is the best choice for outdoor colors in Saudi Arabia."

"Further the paint has to be resistant to high ambient temperatures and high humidity and should be washable after a sand or rain storm."

One of the most economical types of paint that have all these properties is a vinyl-based emulsion. Marechal said that this type has almost no limitations regarding its application method, it can be applied with a brush, paint roller or spray gun. It can be applied on both interior and exterior surfaces such as concrete, cement, plaster, brickwork, stucco and even asbestos. It is best only to apply the paint to a surface with a moderate temperature. Paint applied to a hot surface will often not adhere properly and could blister.

Choosing a Brand

Choose a paint which has been especially developed and made in Saudi Arabia. Apart

from being the most suitable for the local climatic conditions, you will also be assured of freshly produced paint.

Production date

The reliable paint manufacturer will print a production date or code on each can. It is worth checking this, according to Marechal, when you buy paint, as it will lose some of its important properties sooner or later, depending upon storage time and conditions. Paint should always be stored in a well ventilated area and out of the sun.

Price and the solids to volume ratio are factors in a paint that are invariably linked together.

"A high ratio means that, after drying, more paint will be left on the painted surface," explained Marechal. "Consequently, a low ratio will leave less paint on the wall. Needless to say, a high ratio needs more (expensive) raw materials, which means a higher price."

"It is therefore essential not only to compare prices when selecting a paint, but to compare both price and s.v. ratio. If this information is not mentioned on the can, it is advisable to ask the salesman about it."

Every paint shop in Jeddah will have technical data sheets available for each of its products. Ask for a copy before choosing a product. These sheets contain a lot of valuable information such as the recommended use, available colors, drying time, spreading rate and application conditions. This is very useful information that will help obtain the best results from the product. Marechal said that Hempel offices in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam all have experts on their staff who will answer painting questions and offer free advice.



PAINTING: These painters are working in separate locations in Jeddah to meet Building Department specifications by painting their buildings white.

Personal-service tradition is threatened

Residents lobby to keep crank phones, they are a 'way of life' in Bryant Pond

By Penny Pagano

BRYANT POND, Maine (LAT) — When the residents of this New England village make a telephone call, they reach first for a small metal crank on an oak box and then for the phone. Turning the crank rings a bell at a switchboard in the living room of Elden and Barbara Hathaway's white shingle house.

If it is a local call, one of the two young operators at the switchboard promptly puts it through. If it is long distance the operator gets the other on the line, then sets a timer by hand to record the minutes talked.

As a sideline, the operators sometimes take messages for customers who are not home when the phone rings. If it is an emergency and no one answers, chances are excellent that the operator knows where the absent party can be reached.

Bryant Pond, nestled in the lake-studded foothills of the White Mountains near the New Hampshire border, has the last hand-cranked magneto telephone system in the country — and its system seems doomed, despite friendliness and personal service.

The Hathaways sold their business last year to the Oxford Telephone Telegraph Co. A bigger firm that wants to install dial phones, much to the indication of Alice Johnson, head of a Bryant Pond committee to keep the crank phones.

The committee has hired a lawyer to advise it on tactics and has carried its case to officials in Augusta, the state capital. The committee even has a catch slogan: "Don't yank the crank."

"Part of the uniqueness of our town is the phone system," Johnson said recently. "We've got a very personal system. It's perfect for a town our size."

Historically, family-owned telephone companies such as Bryant Pond's have provided the backbone of phone service to many small communities.

Now, however, with changes in federal regulations, increased competition and the unknown effects of the government's settlement of its antitrust suit with American Telephone Telegraph Co., the small independent telephone companies are entering a new era.

The nation's 1,483 independent telephone companies, those operated separately from the giant ATT network, range in size from large holding companies such as General Telephone Electronics Corp., with almost 16 million customers, to a tiny system on an island off Maine that has only a dozen phones.

All the independents face new challenges and uncertainties, but it is the smallest ones that are in the deepest trouble.

Not only are small independents economically vulnerable and limited technologically, but their proprietors also often lack the training and expertise that larger companies can call on to solve new problems.

Today's welter of arcane problems was not dreamed of when Alexander Graham Bell's exclusive patent for the phone expired in 1884, and independent telephone companies blossomed across the country. Many were in rural areas, where some companies even used barbed-wire fences to conduct the current.

At the turn of the century, there were almost 10,000 independent companies. ATT, developing in more populated areas, subsequently acquired many of these family owned businesses. The Great Depression wiped out others. Eventually, the lack of heirs to assume the family business, as well as the need for money, led some systems to sell out, reducing the total still further.

The merger-acquisition trend that gobbled many small companies has slowed recently as less-profitably independents were weeded out and bigger companies diversified into new areas, including satellites, cable television and data processing.

For the independents that remain, the demands are greater and the future less certain. By no means are all the small companies buckling under the challenge. Some are boldly moving to acquire the skills they need to survive and prosper.

One such forward-thinking independent is headed by Eleanor Haskin, who took over the Waitfield-Faystone Telephone Co. in Waitfield, Vt., from her mother. Keeping pace in a growing ski area, she and her husband have added computers and digital switching and are moving into cable television. They plan to open a retail phone, computer and stereo store this summer, and their children are getting involved in the company.

Without diversification and efforts to tap new revenues to offset increasing costs, Haskin said, "I see the independents being greatly reduced."

Back in Bryant Pond, where the white birch trees blend in with the spring snow this time of year, it was a combination of rising costs and greater demands for service that helped persuade the Hathaways to sell their company after 30 years.

Not a great deal has changed about the firm since the Hathaways paid their neighbors \$2,500 for a system with 30 lines and 118 customers in 1951. The old army field wires were replaced by more modern cable, and a second switchboard was added in 1971. But there has not been a rate increase since 1954, and basic services still cost about \$5 a month.

Years ago, the Hathaways turned down loan offers to convert to dial telephones because they did not want to go into debt. Instead, they built an addition onto their house, and Barbara Hathaway and their four children worked the switchboard. Elden Hathaway still worked on the Grand Truck Canadian Railroad during the day and did phone maintenance at night until he could afford to hire someone else.

"We didn't have money to do a lot new things," Elden Hathaway said. "We made do with what we had."

He and his wife kept their bedroom on the first floor so they could hear the switchboard ring at night. Hathaway said he still has dents in his shins from his wife kicking him out of bed to answer calls.

As the years passed, the Hathaways became the village's eyes, ears and information center. They gave directions in blizzards and fires, took sick children to the hospital, consoled a woman whose husband had just shot himself and gave summer vacationers store hours.

As the phone company grew to 440 customers, demands for private lines and maintenance costs became more burdensome. "We used to know every voice," Barbara Hathaway said. "It's changed a lot."

Now the two day operators handle 1,500 to 1,600 calls per shift, including 350 toll calls. And there's the rub. With that many calls, the purchasers of the Hathaways' company says the crank phones must go. It is all a matter of economics, new owner Robert Jamison general manager of the Oxford Telephone Co., said.

"It's coming out, one way or another," Jamison said of the old crank system. "All we're trying to do is give Bryant Pond better services."

Townfolk, however, are not willing to concede defeat without a fight.

"It holds the whole town together," said Alice Johnson, chairman of the Committee to Keep the Crank Phones. She cited a poll of the system's 440 customers that showed 72 percent of these responding preferred the old system.

With the crank system, Johnson said, she has the modern advantages of call forwarding and conference calls. The operators take messages, transfer calls and even tell her two young daughters where she is if they need her. Elderly residents never have to open a phone book for help.

"Those gals are really secretaries to the town," George Hooper, owner of the village store, said of the operators.

The crank-phone supporters also say that the magneto system will be replaced with outdated dial equipment and that there is no guarantee that residents who want new private lines will get them.

Last February a crowded PUC hearing in Bryant Pond lasted most of the day and night but no decision has been reported.

Meanwhile, the town has been inundated with calls and letters from well-wishers across the nation, and the village store has sold more than 2,000 T-shirts to help pay for the committee's lawyers.

But Hooper worries that time has run out for those like himself who believe the old crank-phone system adds a special flavor to everyday life.

"Once they take it out, he said, 'we'll never get it back.'"

"Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah."

Illegal 'fishpen industry' is operated by private capitalists from Manila

By Manolo B. Jara

MANILA (Depthnews) — Powerful and influential fish farm operators have practically taken over the 90,000-hectare Laguna de Bay, Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake, south of here. In the process, they have angered small fishermen and duck raisers who have dropped none-too-subtle hints that they would resort to violence if their complaints are not acted upon immediately. Their move also endangered a \$13.5 million project funded by the Asian Development Bank and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The project aims to encourage small fishermen around the lake to set up cooperative fish farms. "But with the present situation, we cannot push it through," said an official of the semi-public Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA).

Ironically, the LLDA was established by President Ferdinand Marcos to prepare a blueprint of a long-term program to control pollution in the lake and to develop its water resources for irrigation, industrial development and fisheries.

The agency was also empowered to implement a presidential directive, issued on Nov. 13, 1978, regulating the operations of fish farms or fishpens, as they are popularly known, in the lake.

In effect, what happened is a classic example of the moneyed and the mighty taking over a project initially intended for the poor residents along the lake whose main — and sometimes only — source of livelihood is fishing.

Teodoro Baguilat, acting LLDA general manager, put it more succinctly in his memorandum to the Cabinet: "The fishpen industry started in 1970 when the government set up a demonstration commercial fishpen in the lake...to promote this type of fisheries among the estimated 10,000 fisher-

Computer shows 'visual speech'

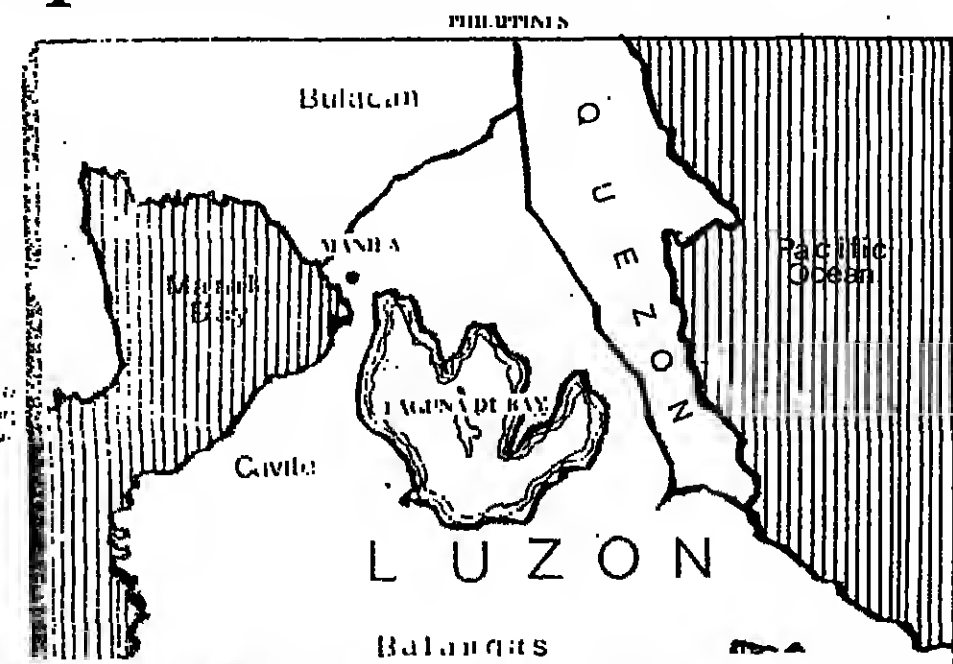
LONDON, (LPS) — A lecturer at a British University has used the latest computer techniques to produce an animated model of the human face which could help people with impaired hearing learn to read.

Although the work is in its early stages, Dr. Michael Brooke, who is based at Lancaster University, in northwest England, has developed a human face which can portray the 50 mouth and jaw movements made each second during consonant and vowel enunciation. To achieve the movement of the face, the computer has to generate around 3,000 individual movements for each picture every second.

The speech synthesizer uses the minimal set of features of the face which are believed to be essential to visual speech perception. The present basic model is being used to identify how well people can recognize the utterances on the visual display. Dr. Brooke intends to add new features such as teeth, tongue and eyes at a later stage of the work.

"People don't just listen with their ears, they look at people as well. Mouth and jaw movements are particularly important in a noisy environment and for people with a hearing disability. Although we know people look at faces when they are listening, very little is known about the process except that people put together the listening and seeing process in the brain but no-one knows how it works," explained Dr. Brooke.

Dr. Brooke developed the computer graphics face by using a complex series of measurements taken from the human face, filmed while enunciating simple consonant vowel combinations and a series of static pictures, drawn using the cartoon technique. By using a controllable model Dr. Brooke hopes to explore the relationship between auditory and visual cues in speech perception.



men families in the lakeshore towns.

"However, before the technical and financial assistance of the government could be marshalled, private capitalists from metro Manila proceeded to construct their own fishpens even before securing the necessary permits from the LLDA."

And LLDA officials admitted their utter helplessness to stop the proliferation of illegal fishpens because they don't have police powers. However, a leader of the small fishermen noted that since the agency is a presidential creation, it can always call on the assistance of Marcos himself.

The fact that influential fishpen operators could operate with impunity in the lake is also illustrated by this example: every time the LLDA issues an order to demolish an illegal fishpen, the courts intervene.

"This is surprising," an LLDA official said, "because there is a presidential decree banning the courts from issuing restraining orders on cases involving the exploitation of the country's natural resources."

As a result, corporate fishpens are being built in the lake with reckless abandon, severely limiting the access of small fishermen to the more productive fishing areas. Compounding the problem is the presence of armed guards employed by the big fishpen operators. Small fishermen have complained that the guards harass, threaten and

sometimes shoot at them on their way to the already limited fishing grounds.

Records at the LLDA show that only 10,000 hectares of the 90,000-hectare lake have been reserved for fishpens. Of the 10,000 hectares, 9,434 are covered by licenses and permits.

But through a series of legal maneuvers, the big fishpen owners managed to expand that today, between 20,000 and 40,000 hectares have been converted into fish farms.

Although corporate fishpens represent only 20 percent, the area they occupy amounts to 58 percent of the total 9,434 hectares, the LLDA reported. "It is of interest to note also that 54 of these corporations are actually owned or operated by only 13 groups of family-related interlocking corporations."

According to the report, there are two groups which constructed fishpens under seven corporate names, enable them to own 350 hectares each. Under LLDA rules, a corporation is allowed only a maximum of 50 hectares for a fishpen; an individual is entitled to five hectares.

"By 1978, the proliferation of illegal fishpens has reached a level that impeding on the movement of traditional fishermen," the agency reported. But the problem has become even more critical with the approval of the Fishpen Development Project for Small Fishermen bankrolled by OPEC and the ADB.

SELF-SERVICING
WRITTEN & DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL

REMOVING THE VALVES FROM THE CYLINDER HEAD

AFTER DECARBONISING THE CYLINDER HEAD, CLEAN IT THOROUGHLY WITH PARAFFIN BEFORE STARTING ON THE VALVES. USE A 6-CLAMP COMPRESSOR TO REMOVE THE VALVES. KEEP EACH ASSEMBLY IN ORDER FOR REPLACING IN SAME POSITION.

1. VALVE 2. OIL SEAL 3. SPRING 4. SPRING COLLAR 5. SPLIT COLLET (ASSEMBLY VARIES FROM CAR TO CAR)

DO-IT-YOURSELF CAR MAINTENANCE
DECOKE PART III

GRINDING IN THE VALVES

1. SUPPORT THE HEAD ON BLOCKS.

2. CHECK THE VALVE SEATS. IF BADLY PITTED OR BURNED, GET THE JOB DONE AT A GARAGE.

3. ATTACH THE VALVE TO THE GRINDING TOOL AND APPLY PASTE SPARINGLY TO THE VALVE HEAD.

4. WITH THE VALVE IN POSITION IN ITS SEAT, ROTATE IT IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ALLOWING THE PASTE TO CUT AWAY UNEVENNESS ON EITHER SURFACE.

5. AFTER GRINDING, CLEAN ALL SURFACES WITH PARAFFIN. LUBRICATE STEMS & SEATS.

Companies in a high-stakes effort

New drug would 'burn-off' excess adults' fat; researchers studying fever, other side effects

By Mary Marks

WASHINGTON (WP) — At least three U.S. drug companies are making a high-stakes effort to develop a drug that would slim down dangerously obese adults by burning off excess weight — thereby inducing a slight fever.

The compounds under study at Lilly Research Laboratories in Indianapolis and, in a less advanced stage, at Burroughs Wellcome Co. in Research Triangle Park, N.C., and Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. in Nutley, N.J., do not attack fatness by the usual route of appetite suppression. Instead, they mimic the metabolic effects of exercise by burning up fat, a principle called thermogenesis.

The FDA estimates that 20 percent of U.S. adults are so overweight that their health is threatened. While the drug is intended for this group, marginally overweight people looking for an easy way to lose weight obviously could resort to it as well.

A drug that will turn off fat regardless of diet may be pie in the sky and could produce serious side effects. Diet experts generally agree that the only safe, reliable way to lose weight is to eat less and, for people who can do so safely, to exercise more. The research-

ers themselves caution that their testing has been confined to animals — rats, mice and beagles. From a financial standpoint, however, it is serious business and the effort the companies are making indicates that they believe there is a large potential market for such a drug.

"This is really big, really serious stuff ... potentially \$30 million to \$40 million a year," said an industry source who asked not to be identified, "and you're not going to take a chance on losing a patent on something like that."

Although it has been known for some time that Lilly was developing such a drug, the company acknowledged it only last November when it published a report on its laboratory tests in *Life Sciences* magazine. The report described the type of animals used, a rise in body temperature the obese animals experienced as they lost weight and a weight gain after the treatment stopped. The Eli Lilly Co. has patents pending here and in Europe, which puts it ahead of the other companies.

Their eventual success depends on how apt the animals are as models for humans and on the drug's specific effectiveness on fat cells

without side effects or toxicity. One industry source predicted it would be at least five years before the drug would be ready for use in humans, and added, "I'll be the first subject."

Any human tests in this country would get serious FDA scrutiny for potential side effects, weighing them against the drug's expected benefits.

William Grigg, an FDA spokesman, said he could not speculate on approval for an untested drug, but he noted that many approved drugs have unwanted side effects because "nothing is 100 percent safe."

"If a drug showed great promise, I would think there would be a good possibility of (a slight fever) being overlooked" for approval, he said.

An industry source said that there was no question that the drugs would have some side effects, but that the developers would be seeking to minimize these so that anything other than fat cells would be affected only by extremely large dosages.

An obese person would take the drug for a week or two without seeing a change, then would lose weight gradually while experiencing a slight fever. When he or she got down to the proper lean body weight, the drug would

cease to have an effect and the supervising doctor would stop treatment.

This phenomenon was borne out in the Lilly report, which said that for some unknown reason animals "on long-term treatment seemed to stop losing weight as they approached lean body weight." The industry source said that fat constitutes 40 to 50 percent of obese people's bodies compared to normal body fat of about 15 percent.

Dr. Walter N. Shaw, who headed the Lilly project, conceded that an obese person using the drug could lose weight while eating too much, and then regain the weight after treatment had ended. But, he said, the hope is that people would use the time they are on the drug to restructure their eating habits.

The cost of obesity can be high. Of special concern is the susceptibility of overweight people to maturity-onset diabetes, which tends to occur after age 40.

Obese people are also especially vulnerable to cardiovascular disease as well as osteoarthritis, hernias, gall bladder problems, postural derangement, atherosclerosis, hypertension, kidney disease and cirrhosis of the liver.

The demand for weight-reduction aids is immense. Grigg said that total diet aid sales in 1980 were \$311 million, a 50.4 percent increase over the year before. Most of the increase is attributable to a jump from \$110 million to \$200 million in non-prescription sales.

Thermo-mechanical generator produced

LONDON — A thermo-mechanical generator, developed to provide electricity in remote places like lighthouses, is to be made available commercially next year.

Based on a 19th century idea, the unit works for long periods with little or no attention. Using the principle of the Stirling engine, gas is alternately heated and cooled and the changes in gas pressure move a magnet between wire coils to produce electricity. It needs no lubrications and can operate unattended and continuously for up to 10 years with only minimal maintenance. It is also much more economical in fuel than any other hydrocarbon-powered generator operating at comparable power levels.

The generator is designed to meet typical low power needs below 500 watts. It has already been proven in the marine navigation field and a 60w generator is being used to power the Eeragh lighthouse off the Irish coast. Prototype machines have clocked up more than 100,000 operating hours.

Propane, as a light and relatively inexpensive fuel, is recommended for most applications although the unit can be adapted for other fuels.

Alleviating rural poverty

Social laboratories goal is productivity

By Rodolfo Fernandez

LOS BANOS, Philippines (Depthnews) — Some 700 kilometers south of Bangkok lie two contiguous villages now looking forward to becoming model communities in that part of Thailand, Hamlets 4 and 6, village Tamay, Nakornsi Thammarat are populated by about 350 families, most of whom are small farm owners raising rubber and rice as major crops and assorted fruit trees as additional sources of income.

The villagers' optimism stems from the establishment there of a social laboratory (SL) project this year. The project will be implemented by the Nakornsi Thammarat College of Agriculture with the financial and technical assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) based in this university town situated 65 kilometers southeast of the capital city of Manila.

And if the results of SL projects set up in the Philippines are any indication, Hamlets 4 and 6 in Thailand have reason to hope for a better future.

A social laboratory is a community into which scientific effort is poured so as to raise agricultural productivity and improve the socio-economic well being of the people.

An SL project is conducted by an agricultural university or college for training and demonstration purposes. Its long-range objective is to mobilize the human resources in a village to fully develop the land and water resources and transform the present traditional farming into a more productive and viable agriculture system.

The term "social laboratory" first came into use in Asia in 1933 when five leading universities in China organized the North China Council on Rural Reconstruction to sponsor an agricultural and rural development project in Shantung province, with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation. Together, these two entities operated a social laboratory in the area with 400,000 people. The project lasted until 1937, when war with Japan broke out.

The second SL is the Comilla Laboratory, set up in 1959 by the Pakistan Academy for Rural Development with Ford Foundation assistance.

The SL concept was introduced in the Philippines in 1970 by Chi-wen Chang, a Chinese agricultural expert, while serving as visiting professor of agricultural education (from July 1966 to July 1973) first at

the University of the Philippines in Los Banos (UPLB) here and later at SEARCA. UPLB-hosted SEARCA is the agricultural center of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization. SEAMEO was founded in Bangkok in 1965 to foster cooperation among Southeast Asian nations through education, science and culture.

Fila, Laguna, situated about 17 km east of here, was selected as the SL pilot town based on the following criteria:

— Nearness to a college of agriculture to make possible frequent visits by teachers and students to the pilot site.

— A high percentage of farmers who own or lease the land they till so that they can make decisions on their farming activities with the least interference from anybody.

— Availability of or potential for irrigation facilities for the area's development and possibility of crop diversification.

— Accessibility to roads and marketing centers.

Before a project is started, the technicians composing the project team are sent to SEARCA for training on the operations of an SL. A socio-economic survey is subsequently conducted to provide data and guidelines in drawing up programs for the communities covered.

Two or three villages are usually chosen as the SL area. Once the project is found viable, it is expanded to cover neighboring villages. As part of the preliminary work, the SL staff tries to establish linkages or tie-ups with the local government, village leaders, rural banks and agencies engaged in rural development work.

Village associations are reactivated or strengthened to make them functional. These associations help provide channel for government and private services, whether financial or technical.

This strategy aims to demonstrate how the people can organize for their common good and how they can avail themselves of the services of public and private agricultural development agencies. The SL area also serves as a preserve and in-service training ground for extensionists, community development leaders and related workers.

In the SL area, efforts are focused on increasing agricultural production through adoption of better farming methods, helping farmers in getting loans from banks, helping them market their products cooperatively, improving irrigation facilities, promoting home industries, improving family life, and promoting rural sanitation.

WHAT'S GOOD FOR A COUGH?



By Peter J.

Steinrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: My husband, 38, has had a cough for months. He doesn't take anything for it and won't see a doctor. It's a dry cough. He doesn't bring up any phlegm. It is worse in the evening and at night. Otherwise, he seems healthy. He says it doesn't bother him, but it bothers me. What's good for a cough? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: I know you'll excuse me for not trying to come up with a diagnosis and suggest long-distance therapy. But the answer to what's good for a cough is diagnosis.

Cough is only a symptom of something wrong in the breathing passages — all the way from the nose and throat down to the lungs. It may also be a reflex reaction to trouble in the heart, or even in the ear.

It's likely that your husband's cough will hang on until he consents to have an investigation. Does he smoke? Is his job the source of irritants? Is there dust and fumes in his environment? Is pollen the reason? Or any other allergy problem? Does he have sinusitis? Bronchitis? Emphysema? Tuberculosis? Cancer?

Perhaps the trouble originates in a postnasal drip. Until he has a checkup anyone's guess is that the cough may be simple or severe. But why keep guessing?

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Our 11-year-old son has been diagnosed as being hyperactive. The doctor has prescribed amphetamine medicine to calm him. My husband and I are concerned that this is a dangerous

drug that may be habitforming. Is it all right for our child to take it? — Mrs. O.

Dear Mrs. O.: Under proper supervision it should not be a problem. But if you are still in doubt, ask him if he will substitute some other medicine which may be just as effective.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I'm 38 and want to have my first child. What are the chances of having a birth defect such as Down's syndrome? — Mrs. V.

Dear Mrs. V.: One estimate: Down's syndrome occurs in about one of every 300 born to the woman who is between 35-39.

For Mr. P.: Cold sores differ from canker sores in point of location. Canker sores usually appear inside the mouth on cheeks, tongue and soft palate.

Cold sores appear most often on lips. They are caused by a virus which may remain inactive until triggered by a cold, excessive sunbathing, job stress or fatigue.

At first there may be a tingling or burning sensation. The blister develops within about 12 hours. After the blister breaks it begins to dry and within a day or two a yellowish crust forms.

Healing takes anywhere from five days to a week. There's no specific cure for cold sores. But sometimes use of an antibiotic cream is necessary to control any secondary infection.

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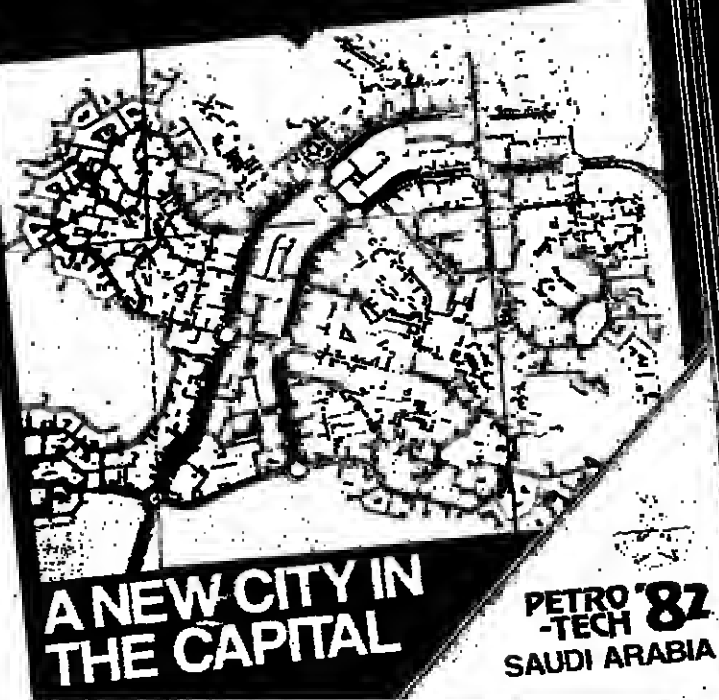
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The Kingdom's first petroleum exhibit and conference promises to fully reflect the scope and stature of Saudi Arabia's oil and oil-related industries. Petrotech '82 will attract hundreds of exhibitors and top international experts to discuss energy policy and management issues. Page 23



The British and the Americans are competing neck and neck to design a Kingdom-wide health care service for the National Guard. International Hospitals Group is carrying the British banner, hoping that its experience with a Jeddah medical city will give it an edge. Page 49

For disarmament demonstration

7 foreigners held in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 19 (Agencies) — Soviet GB security police arrested seven foreigners who staged a brief protest on Moscow's Red Square Monday calling on the Kremlin to cut arms spending and give more aid to developing countries.

A press statement issued by organizers of the demonstration said those arrested included two Frenchmen, two Belgians and two Italians. It did not account for the seventh man but said all the protesters belonged to

West European minority "radical parties."

The demonstrators unfurled a three meter blue-lettered banner bearing the words "Bread, Life and Disarmament" as tourists gathered to watch the changing of the guard outside the mausoleum of the founder of the Soviet state, Vladimir Lenin.

Security police, who had gathered in anticipation of the protest, quickly beat down the banner and bundled the protesters into a waiting police car. The action lasted about

two minutes and provoked little interest among the hundreds of bystanders. The press statement said leaflets handed out by the demonstrators called on the Soviet government to donate 0.70 percent of its gross national product to feeding developing countries.

The radical parties are small left-wing groups, which are campaigning in several West European countries for an increase in industrialized countries' support for the Third World.

The Italian, Belgian and French embassies said they had heard reports of the arrests but had not yet been contacted by the Soviet Foreign Ministry. In past demonstrations involving foreign citizens, the Soviet authorities have contacted the relevant diplomatic missions after brief questioning. The protesters are then normally expelled from the country within a couple of days.

The Belgian Embassy named one of the group as Michel Clette, who had come to Moscow with a tourist party, but could give no further details.

In Prague, a similar demonstration lasted 45 minutes, ending when police removed at least three protesters and seized hundreds of leaflets at 12:00 a.m. (1000 GMT). A witness said two policemen spent 15 minutes attempting to persuade the demonstrators to leave. When further police reinforcements arrived, the three demonstrators carrying the banner attempted a sit-in on St. Wenceslas' statue but were taken away by police.

In Rome, an Italian Radical Party bulletin announced that demonstrations by activists from different countries would take place Monday in East European capitals. The statement said the demonstrations would be in support of nuclear disarmament, the fight against hunger and an end to the detention of Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov and Lech Walesa, leader of the suspended Polish free union Solidarity.

Americans favor arms freeze

NEW YORK, April 19 (Agencies) — More than two-thirds of all Americans want a freeze on the production and deployment of U.S. and Soviet nuclear arms, according to a survey published in the latest issue of *Newsweek* magazine.

Sixty-eight percent of those questioned favored a freeze, 25 percent opposed it, and seven percent had no opinion. A full quarter of those backing a ban were for immediate, unilateral action by the United States. The poll was released on the eve of "Ground Zero" Week, a campaign by anti-nuclear militants to educate the public on the risks of nuclear conflict.

Among those favoring the ban, two out of three would back a U.S.-Soviet accord which had a verification clause to check that neither side was cheating. Almost half the Americans interviewed, 49 percent, admitted they were worried about the danger of nuclear war but tried not to think about it. Nineteen percent said they were very worried, while 31 percent doubted whether nuclear war was a probability.

Meanwhile, simulated nuclear bombs were ceremoniously "detonated" at the heart of several hundred U.S. cities on Sunday, bringing the specter of nuclear war to America's hometowns and launching a week-long campaign on the consequences of nuclear war.

Ground Zero Week, which organizers say will involve 20 million people in 650 communities, opened Sunday with films,

rallies, foot races, bicycle tours, concert, political speeches and ethical debates among scholars.

The activities are designed to fuel local discussions of nuclear war and alternatives to the accelerating arms race. This all-out war for nuclear awareness has been planned for two years by Ground Zero, a non-partisan organization formed by a former National Security Council analyst and his brother.

The former analyst, Roger C. Molander, has written a paperback, *Nuclear War: What's in it for you?* which is being released in conjunction with the week.

In New York, seven members of the Columbia University track team staged a "run for peace" from 42nd street to the Columbia campus 74 blocks away.

In a Ground Zero Week speech at the University of Arizona on Sunday, Rep. Morris Udall, Democrat-Arizona, called for immediate U.S.-Soviet talks aimed at a freezing the production and development of atomic weapons. Udall criticized President Reagan's approach for a longer-term, balanced approach to disarmament.

On the eve of Ground Zero Week, Reagan declared himself "with...those who protest against nuclear war." He also said the United States and the Soviet Union must negotiate a joint nuclear arms reduction to "end this threat of doom which hangs over the world."

E. European held in U.S. spy probe

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 19 (AFP) — An East European whose last known residence was in Hungary has been arrested here in connection with what authorities said may be one of the most important espionage cases in the history of the United States.

Authorities gave very few details on the nature of the charges against the arrested man, Otto Attila Gilbert, who was arrested Saturday. His arrest followed "an extensive

and prolonged investigation," according to Hinton Pierce, the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Atlanta field office.

Pierce said the case was of "national significance." He declined further comment, except to say that Gilbert was arrested in an Augusta hotel while in possession of "incredible" evidence of his alleged activities as a spy.

Brigades planned to free Moro trial prisoners

ROME, April 19 (AP) — The Red Brigades planned to attack a Rome prison and free their comrades standing trial for the murder of former premier Aldo Moro, according to Italian press reports Monday. The leftist guerrilla gang also reportedly planned to kill eight magistrates handling terrorist cases, having stalked at least one of them before police learned of the plot and assigned him extra guards.

The reports were based on statements from terrorists cooperating with authorities, the Italian news agency Ansa and several daily

papers said. The attack on Rebibbia Prison counted on the support of several prison guards cooperating as "mules" for the Red Brigades and was supposed to have taken place when the trial began last Wednesday, according to the reports.

But thanks to the confessions of terrorists-turned informers investigators learned the identity of one of the guards who is now sought by police, Ansa reported. Ansa said the revelations were made by Antonio Savasta, a Red Brigades leader.

Chinese halt pagoda tilting

PEKING, April 19 (R) — Emergency repairs at China's 1,000-year-old counterpart to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Tiger Hill Pagoda of Suzhou, have defeated the force of gravity for the time being, an official report said Monday.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said engineers had stopped the pagoda tilting any further since late last year and were now pouring tonnes of concrete into 44 pits around its base.

The eight-sided, seven-story brick structure is 47.5 meters (156 feet) high with 2.2 meters (7.5 feet) tilted at the top. It has been tilting since at least the end of the Ming Dynasty in the 17th century when the top section was rebuilt in an abortive effort to shift its center of gravity.

The Tiger Hill Pagoda was built around 960 A.D.

The head of the repair office, Wang Deying, said when the new foundations were completed the pagoda would stand in a sort of flower pot of reinforced concrete.

Australian experts to study Laos rocket

BANGKOK, April 19 (R) — A team of Australian military experts has arrived in Thailand to examine a rocket which Laotian resistance fighters claim has a poison gas warhead with Soviet markings, informed diplomatic sources said Monday.

The Australian Embassy would not confirm or deny that the rocket has been turned over to Australian officials, but the sources said the Australians were skeptical of the claim that it contained poisonous mycotoxin chemicals.

Several Western nations, particularly the United States, have been seeking hard evidence that Soviet-made toxic chemicals were being used by Vietnamese-led forces against resistance groups in Kampuchea and Laos.

Poll scheduled for May 4

12 die in Indonesia rally

JAKARTA, April 19 (AP) — Twelve persons were killed and 127 injured Sunday when crowds surged through narrow gates into a stadium for a political conference of the Muslim United Development (PPP) Party in the south Kalimantan (Borneo) city of Banjarmasin, reports reaching Jakarta on Monday said.

The reports said the tragedy occurred when about 60,000 persons tried to squeeze into a stadium designed to hold about 25,000. A popular singer, Haji Romairama, was scheduled to sing and speak in support of the Muslim opposition party.

Officials said three children below 10 years of age died when they were trampled by crowds trying to squeeze through narrow entrance gates.

Last Friday, four persons died and 45 others were injured when about 200,000 PPP supporters rushed out from a sport stadium after an election campaign meeting in the east Java city of Surabaya. Indonesia's general elections are scheduled for May 4, and campaigning has resulted in a series of fatalities during mass rallies.

At least 68 persons were injured when the

Golkar Party held its first political rally in Jakarta March 18. Stone-throwing battles broke out between Golkar's supporters and backers of the PPP. The government reported no one was killed during the riot, but other sources within the government said three died.

More than 300 persons, many of them young, were arrested during the rioting, and 44 of them remain in custody. Eight of the detainees have been brought to court recently and two of them have been sentenced to between one and two months in prison on peace disturbance charges.

Two persons died and nine were injured at a Golkar rally in Banjarmasin in March when the campaign stage collapsed after hundreds of people attempted to take shelter from heavy rain. Eight persons died in early April in Jakarta during a vehicle parade to demonstrate support for the Muslim opposition group.

The May 4 general elections will select 300 members of the House of Representatives. The other 100 seats are nominated and are given to members of the armed services who do not vote in the elections.

SWAPO offensive claims 3

WINDHOEK, April 19 (Agencies) — A white farmer and two black children were killed by land mines laid by nationalist guerrillas of the Southwest Africa People's Organization in their annual autumn offensive, defense officials said Monday.

Defense forces killed six guerrillas in two clashes Sunday, the officials said. The guerrillas, trying to end South African control of Namibia (Southwest Africa), infiltrated a white farming region in northeast Namibia from bases in Angola last week.

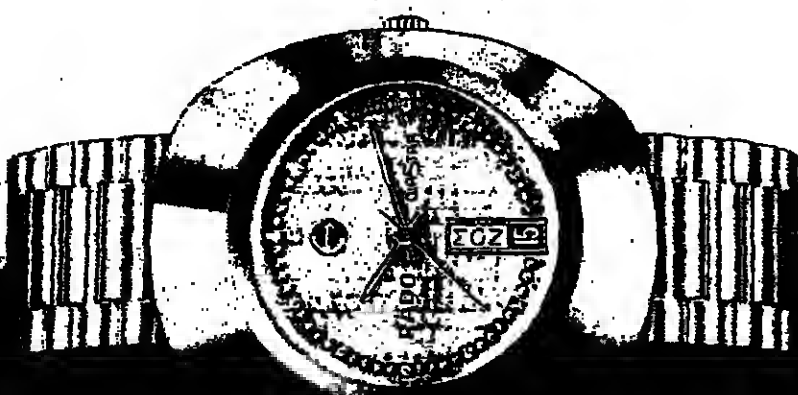
Chief of staff Jan Klopper of the Southwest Africa territory told reporters SWAPO men had introduced a new tactic of laying land mines on white farms in the current offensive. He said the farmer was killed and a number of security force members riding with him were injured when they hit a land mine Sunday.

Eight defense force soldiers have been killed in the past week trying to track SWAPO men totaling about 100. Sixteen guerrillas have been killed since they crossed the border, according to defense officials.

The latest offensive coincides with an impasse in negotiations by the five-nation Western contact group (Canada, the United States, Britain, France and West Germany), aimed at bringing Namibia to independence. The impasse stems from disagreement over a proposed system for voting for a future constituent assembly in an independent Namibia.

South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha reiterated that Pretoria was seeking the fastest possible settlement to the question of Namibian independence. The anti-guerrilla war and administration of Namibia is costing South Africa an estimated \$1 million a day.

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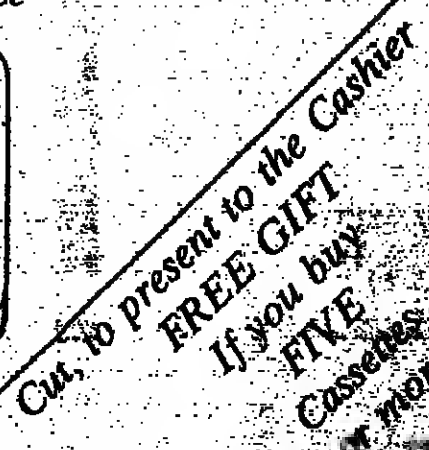


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Versailles summit

France, Canada spell out goals

VANCOUVER, April 19 (R) — France and Canada have agreed that next June's economic summit will search for solutions to counter the international recession and American monetary policy but have fallen short of forming a common front against the United States.

French President Francois Mitterrand and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who held six hours of talks on the Versailles meeting, called for a consensus to help the West overcome trade protectionism and the

growing problem of wild currency fluctuations.

But Mitterrand told reporters before leaving for Paris Monday: "The summit is not a tribunal. The United States is out on trial for its interest rates, not Japan for its trade surplus." The French president arrived here after a four-day state visit to Japan during which he warned Tokyo it must curb its mushrooming trade surplus.

Senior French officials said privately their country wanted to ask the United States at

the summit to control the wild movements of its currency which are wreaking havoc on Europe's economies. It also wanted the U.S. to redouble efforts to cut its huge budget deficit.

The French officials, who said there was encouraging support for their ideas among the other summit countries, linked the destabilizing impact of U.S. economic policy with the rise of neutralism in Europe and calls there for unilateral disarmament.

The officials argued that the United States was undercutting its own policy of taking a tougher line on relations with the Soviet bloc by harming its European support.

President Mitterrand, who said it was too early to say whether the June meeting would end in comedy or tragedy, listed other summit questions as international trade, North-South relations and the impact of new technology on unemployment.

Britain faces EEC pressure

BRUSSELS, April 19 (R) — Britain is likely to come under strong pressure to accept sharp increases in European Common Market farm prices Tuesday in return for support the EEC has given in the Falkland Islands crisis, EEC sources said.

European Economic Community (EEC) agriculture ministers start three days of negotiation on farm prices in Luxembourg Tuesday, with France in particular pressing for substantial increases. Negotiations earlier this month ended inconclusively. The EEC Commission had proposed a 10.5 percent average increase, but farmers' unions want more than 16 percent and France has demanded a very substantial rise to cover inflation and rising production costs.

Britain so far has refused to accept higher

farm prices which will weigh heavily on the EEC budget — without parallel progress on its demands for reductions in its EEC membership bill.

Britain's membership bill could reach more than \$2 billion this year if no changes are made and its demands were to have been negotiated by EEC foreign ministers earlier this month.

The Falklands crisis and resulting resignation of the British foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, meant that these negotiations had to be canceled.

The foreign ministers will now meet in Luxembourg on April 27. In London Monday Lord Carrington's successor, Francis Pym, met EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn to prepare for that meeting.

Japan acts to help ease trade friction

TOKYO, April 19 (AFP) — Japan plans to lower import tariffs on commodities such as computers and machine tools to help ease trade friction with the United States and Western Europe, government sources said Monday.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) plans to make this the centerpiece of a second package of measures to open the Japanese market for foreign products, expected to be adopted at a meeting of economic ministers May 7, the sources said.

The ministry will work out a list of commodities to be included in the projected tariff cut, and will determine margins of tariff reductions for individual items by the end of this month, they said.

Japan decided last November to lower tariffs on 1,653 items from this month, or two years ahead of a tariff-cutting schedule agreed in the Tokyo round of multinational trade negotiations, as part of the first market-opening package.

But this has failed to quell foreign discontent, prompting the MITI decision for reductions in import tariffs on computers, machine tools and other commodities, in which Japan is relatively strong in international markets, the sources said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Monday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.11	
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.90	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	282.00	
Canadian Dollar	142.75	142.10	
Deutsche Mark (100)	128.50	128.10	
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.30	3.73	
Egyptian Pound	43.75	93.50	
Emirates Dirham (100)	54.90	54.70	
French Franc (100)	52.00	54.15	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.40	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Israeli Lira (10,000)	26.50	25.50	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.00	
Jordanian Dinar	9.82	9.73	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.94	
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.25	68.75	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.00	57.95	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	29.35	
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.40	
Pound Sterling	6.10	6.05	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.50	94.30	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	159.05	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.25	
Swiss Franc (100)	174.75	174.50	
Syrian Lira (100)	56.40	63.60	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	3.47	
U.S. Dollar	3.49	3.47	
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Czech unions get a shot in the arm

PRAGUE, April 19 (AFP) — Pressured by economic hard times and anxious to avoid the Polish example, Czechoslovak leaders have decided to revitalize their country's trade union movement.

Analyzing results of the just-ended 10th congress of Czechoslovak trade unions, observers here Sunday pointed that new terms had been used to describe the labor movement and its activities.

Phrases like "the (Communist) party's sound ally" and labor must "cooperate with state organizations," implied an equal role for labor and the party.

But it was stressed at the four-day meeting that the main role of unions was "to mobilize workers in support of goals set up by the party."

Dollar rates stay stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 19 — The American dollar held its ground against the major European currencies on the Monday exchanges. The Japanese yen and German mark made some slight headway against the American currency, but dealers in London and Frankfurt said that these were merely technical reactions to short positions carried over the weekend, and did not represent any significant gains for either currency.

Eurodollar interest rates continued to remain stable with little variation over Friday night dollar closing rates. The one-month dollar deposit was quoted at 15 3/4-15 1/2 percent while in the longer tenors the one-year was quoted at 15 1/4-15 1/2 percent. Trading activity was generally quiet with the Europeans cautiously awaiting the opening of the New York markets Monday night and hoping to assess how the money markets would react there to the American Friday money supply figures.

Almost everyone had been expecting a rise in the money supply, but when it did come (a rise of \$7.1 billion), there are now voices to be heard that we must await further evidence to come out before making a definite move over U.S. interest rates.

In the bullion markets, this sense of caution also prevailed with gold trading at \$356.50 levels in London compared with Friday's closing of \$359.50. Bullion dealers

expected some sharp falls to materialize if the Falkland dispute is settled soon.

With so little to go by, the exchange markets in Europe did not feel like tinkering much with the various currency values that prevailed Friday in New York. There were slight gains registered by various currencies, but for the reasons stated earlier above and not due in any fundamental factors affecting these currencies. The yen traded around 246.00 from Friday's 247.25 levels, while the German mark was quoted at 2.4160 in Frankfurt compared with New York closing of 2.4210. The British pound opened weaker at 1.7595, but some late Bank of England support pushed up the rate to 1.7605 levels. The Swiss franc gained a few points to close at 1.9685 levels compared with Friday's 1.9740.

In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates continued to be buoyant for the second day running, with rate of 3.4308-15 being registered at one stage from opening level of 3.4302-08. Commercial purchase was also reported up over Sunday's activities. In the money markets, rial deposit rates remained stable with rates averaging at 14-14 1/2 percent for most tenors, although there was some see-sawing in the market found its equilibrium levels. In the short dates, week-fixed riyaals were slightly firmer at 13 3/4-14 1/4 percent.

Freight mart records gains

LONDON, April 19 (AFP) — Small gains re-appeared among rates on the freight market last week as interest returned after the first shock of the Falklands crisis subsided.

Soviet inquiry was again well to the fore, there was a revival of Chinese activity along with Japanese, South Korean and South Africa chartering. In addition there was renewed inquiry for tonnage to lift cargoes out of the River Plate.

The Soviet business was again shrouded in secrecy, but these charters were rumored to have been busy taking Atlantic tonnage to fulfill their grain commitments in the U.S.

Gulf and the Great Lakes. In order to facilitate negotiations, the Soviet charters were

said have dropped the River Plate option.

Meanwhile, it is believed that fixing by these charterers in the Pacific was completed. A 26,000 tonner was said to have been booked for a Great Lakes round voyage by the Soviets with wide-re-delivery options in Europe at \$6.150 a day. Chinese chartering was solely on a voyage basis, with at least four vessels booked for grain out of the U.S. Gulf.

Rates were sharply firmer compared with the last reported business in mid-March at \$35 ton for 30,000 tonners, but later \$33.75 was conceded.

The U.S. Gulf/Japan grain rate also improved 75 cents to \$21.75 a ton for 50,000 tonners, but later \$21 was paid.

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As they beat Astros for 11th win in-a-row

Braves tie Oakland's record

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP) — The Atlanta Braves tied Oakland's year-old Major League record for victories at the start of the season Sunday with their 11th in-a-row as pinch-hitter Biff Pocoroba's two-run double in the eighth inning gave them a 6-5 victory over Houston.

The victory also broke the National League record of 10 in-a-row set by the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers and matched by Pittsburgh in 1962. Chris Chambliss doubled with one out in the eighth off Dave Smith and Bruce Benedict was intentionally walked, after Rafael Ramirez's grounder forced Benedict. Pocoroba batted for winning

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Baseball standings

American League				National League			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	5	5	.500	St. Louis	9	3	.750
Cleveland	4	4	.500	Montreal	5	3	.625
Boston	4	5	.444	New York	6	5	.545
Toronto	4	6	.400	Chicago	5	7	.417
New York	3	5	.375	Pittsburgh	3	5	.375
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	Philadelphia	2	8	.200
Baltimore	2	7	.222				

reliever Al Hrabosky and doubled to left-center field to break the 4-4 tie.

Rick Camp pitched the last two innings and survived a Houston threat in the bottom of the ninth to earn his third save. Camp gave up Ray Knight's sacrifice fly before ending the game by getting Art Howe to bounce back to the mound.

In the American League, meanwhile, Baltimore catcher Rick Dempsey's wild throw on a double steal let in a pair of runs in the seventh inning Sunday as the unbeaten Chicago White Sox downed the Orioles 6-4 for their eighth consecutive victory. Baltimore

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Toby Harrah's three hits, including his fourth homer, and Alan Bannister's two-run double in a four-run first inning helped Cleveland rout the Kansas City Royals 8-2. Detroit's Alan Trammell singled and doubled and drove in two runs to break the combined six-hit pitching of Dan Petry and Elias Sosa as the Tigers beat the New York Yankees

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Sweden records impressive wins

BUDAPEST, April 19 (R) — Sweden and Czechoslovakia vaulted clear of their rivals in Group 'A' of the first category in the men's team event at the European Table Tennis Championships Sunday when they recorded their fourth successive victories.

Title-holders Sweden had a good 5-3 win over Poland in the morning and rounded off an excellent day when they defeated England 5-3 in the evening session.

Czechoslovakia handed Austria their third heavy defeat in a row when they won 5-1 in their match of the day but were forced to struggle for a 5-4 win over a Polish side starting to play more to their full potential.

Sweden's ruthless progress through the group received a temporary halt in morning when Stefan Dryszel thrashed Bengtson.

Clerc defaults in final

Connors strikes top form to whip Purcell

LOS ANGELES, April 19 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors overwhelmed unseeded Mel Purcell 6-2, 6-1 Sunday to capture the singles championship of the \$200,000 Pacific Southwest Tennis Open at the Los Angeles Tennis Club.

Connors, 29, needed only 63 minutes to dispose of Purcell and earn the \$40,000 top prize. Purcell, 22, collected \$20,000 for his second-place finish.

Purcell won only the third and seventh games of the first set and the third game of the second set. All of his game wins came while he was serving and he never came close to breaking Connors' service.

"The way I played today, I'd be happy to play like this for the rest of my career," said Connors. "I gave Mel some exercise. I tried to wear him down."

"I'd like to take this court everywhere I go. I know where all the cracks and where the best bounces are. But it is outdated and a new facility is needed."

A crowd of 3,793 watched the championship match, an all-time record at the L.A. Tennis Club. The playing surface referred to by Connors is concrete. A new facility in the planning stages on the UCLA campus is to be ready for play in two years. Connors is the eighth player to win the Pacific Southwest event as many as three times.

Meanwhile, top-seed Ivan Lendl defeated Jose-Luis Clerc in the final round of the \$300,000 World Championship tournament in Houston Sunday because Clerc refused to move to a lighted court as darkness fell on the rain-soaked center court.

Leading 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, Lendl had fallen behind 1-4 in the fourth set when he com-

plained that it was too dark to see. Tournament referee Zino Pfau agreed and everyone — except Clerc — moved to the lighted court No. 5. He felt the light was sufficient to continue play," Pfau said.

Clerc never showed, leaving Lendl to collect his first prize of \$100,000 for his 10th tournament title in his last 15 starts. Lendl has won 76 of his last 78 matches.

"I was disappointed that we couldn't finish the match," said Lendl, of Czechoslovakia. "I understand his feeling. But I was disappointed. Play was stopped for 1:06 early in the second set with Lendl leading 3-1. Clerc, of Argentina, asked for and received another delay in the third set after Lendl had taken a 4-0 lead. Lendl protested the second delay but continued at Pfau's request."

Pfau said Clerc had not received his \$32,000 runnerup check and that he would make a report to WCT executive director Owen Williams, who would make a ruling.

Pfau said there was no automatic fine for such a default. Clerc, the No. 5 ranked player in the world, is scheduled to play Friday against India's Vijay Amritraj, in the WCT finals at Dallas.

Balazs Taroczy of Hungary and Switzerland's Heinz Günthard, who combined to win the world doubles title in Birmingham earlier this year, have gained high seedings as singles players in the \$80,000 pounds (\$140,000) State Express Classic starting in Bournemouth on Tuesday.

Taroczy, one of Europe's finest exponents on a hard court, and runner-up in this event last year, has been seeded No. 1 in front of the man who beat him to title, Victor Pecci of Paraguay.

Trail Blazers edge out Sonics

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers ended the National Basketball Association season on a triumphant note.

In the finale against the Seattle SuperSonics, Jim Paxson's jumper with 34 seconds left and a steal and two free throws by Bobby Gross lifted the Blazers to a 119-114 victory. Elsewhere in the NBA, it was, Boston 119, New York 99; Kansas City 106, Houston 104; Utah 128, San Antonio 120; Los Angeles 120, Phoenix 115; Philadelphia 110, Milwaukee 86; Chicago 112, Indiana 104, and Washington 99, Atlanta 96.

Atlantic Division winners Boston Celtics had things much their own way against the Knicks. With Robert Parish in full swing — pouring in 31 points — the Celtics breezed to a 119-99 verdict, boosting Boston to their second winningest season.

The Kansas City Kings surprised the playoff-bound Houston Rockets. The surprising 106-104 verdict was made possible by the combination of Eddie Johnson and Larry Drew. They scored 21 and 18 points respectively in the Kings' fine win. The turning point was the third quarter surge by the Kings.

Meanwhile, Midwest Division champions San Antonio also suffered a loss. The 125-120 victory of the Utah Jazz was fashioned by Rickey Green's season high 35 points, including 19 in the fourth quarter. The Jazz hit the front in the first period and stayed ahead for good.

Los Angeles, the Pacific Division winners, held on to beat Phoenix 120-115 in the regular season finale for both teams. Jamaal Wilkes scored seven of his 31 points in the fourth period — including a crucial three-point play with 1:57 remaining — as the Lakers bested the Suns.

Julius Erving, with 18 points, led seven players in double figures as the Philadelphia 76ers got ready for next week's playoffs with an easy 110-86 win over the Milwaukee Bucks. While Artis Gilmore and Larry Kenon scored 20 points each to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 112-104 win over the Indiana Pacers. And Rick Mahon scored five of his 14 points in the final 1:46 as the Washington Bullets staved off the Atlanta Hawks 99-96.



VICTORY YELL: Lanny Wadkins gives a victory yell after winning the Moby tournament of Champions Sunday.

Wadkins triumphs as Streck stumbles

RANCHO LA COSTA, California, April 19 (AP) — Lanny Wadkins captured the Moby-Tournament of Champions Golf event by three strokes Sunday. When Ron Streck had a three-putt bogey on the final hole and was assessed a two-shot penalty after completing play.

Wadkins, with a closing round of 73 and a 280 — total, 8-under-par, won the elite gathering limited to only the winners of PGA tour titles over the last 12 months. Streck, who had the lead alone with two holes to play, dropped back into a tie when Wadkins birdied the 17th hole. That tie for the top, however, lasted only the 27-year-old Streck three-putted for bogey on the last hole.

That put him second alone with a closing 71 and a 281 total. But, before he signed his card, Clyde Mangum, deputy commissioner of the PGA tour and in charge of this event, assessed a two-shot penalty against Streck, which gave him a 73 and a 283 total. That put him ~~into~~ at tie for second with Craig Stadler, Andy Bean and David Graham.

The penalty, which cost Streck \$14,338, was charged because of his actions before

playing a shot from under a tee on the 16th hole. "He moved a branch with his hand, you cannot do that," Mangum said. "On several occasions, he moved a branch which was in his face."

Wadkins, collected \$63,000 from the total purse of \$350,000 for his second victory of the season and ninth of the career. Second place alone was worth \$40,500. But, because the penalty dropped Streck back into a tie for the position, he had to settle for a \$26,162.50 payoff. He left the course immediately and was not available for comment. Stadler who won the Masters last week, gained a share of the No. 2 spot with a closing 8-under-par 64, matching the tournament record. Graham, an Australian who holds the U.S. Open title, shot 71 and Bean had a 70.

Meanwhile, Australian Bob Shearer, who started the day four shots behind third-round leader Bob Byman, fired a 6-under-par 66 Sunday to move ahead of the field and capture the \$100,000 Tallahassee Golf Open.

Shearer, who has been on the PGA tour since 1976, had never won an event in the United States. He recorded an Eagle on the

17th hole to move ahead of Denis Watson and Hal Sutton and finished with a 72-hole total of 16-under-par 272. Watson and Sutton, the second-round leader Friday, finished at 273.

Tim Simpson carded a 68 in the final round and finished at 274. One stroke further back were Rick Masengale, John Adams and Mark Lye. Byman, who had roared into the third-round lead with a 66 Saturday, fell back with a 74 to finish at 276, four shots behind Shearer.

Golfing great Kathy Whitworth fired a 5-under-par 67 Sunday to lock up the \$10,000 CPC International Women's Golf Tournament in Hilton Head Island, and Mickey Wright's record of 82 LPGA career wins. Whitworth, who wins \$22,500, birdied 7 holes and dropped two bogeys Sunday to finish with a 281, becoming the only golfer in the field of 66 to finish below par for the tournament.

Patty Sheehan, finished second with a 290, 2-over for the tournament at Moss Creek Plantation.

Weiner's return tips scale in Bayern's favor

LONDON, April 19 (R) — Soccer fans with a taste for nostalgia will be hoping West Germany's Bayern Munich and Anderlecht of Belgium come through their European Cup semifinal second legs unscathed on Wednesday.

Both clubs are among the elite of Europe and would provide a glamorous final in Rotterdam on May 26. However, that view will not be shared by the supporters of English champions Aston Villa and Bulgarian giant-killers CSKA Sofia, who have scant regard for past deeds.

Villa, in the European Cup for the first time, travel to Brussels with a 1-0 lead and will be confident of eclipsing their more famous opponents and qualify for the 27th final. CSKA's task is harder. They stunned Bayern by racing into a three-goal lead in Sofia but eventually had to settle for a slender 4-3 victory. It is difficult to imagine Bayern failing to score the one goal they need to enter the final.

Bayern have a marvellous record in their six previous Champions' Cup campaigns — winners from 1974-76, quarter finalists in

1977 and semifinalists last year. Only in 1970 did they fail, losing to French side St. Etienne in the first round.

Although Bayern also lifted the World Club Championship in 1976 and the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1967, CSKA are the more experienced. But their 15 previous European Cup bids have tended to end in early disaster. They have failed to gain the second round on 12 occasions although they were semifinalists in 1967 and quarterfinalists in 1974 and 1981.

But Bayern, beaten 4-3 at Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga at the weekend, will be well aware that CSKA topped England's Liverpool, the defending champions, in the last round. Bayern team chief Pal Csernai blamed goalkeeper Walter Junghans and sweeper Bertram Beierlorzer for the defensive debacle in Frankfurt. Hans Weiner, who missed the first leg in Sofia, is expected to return as sweeper, but Junghans is likely to keep his place because veteran reserve Manfred Mueller is ruled out by injury.

Anderlecht, too, have been in trouble on the domestic front. They were thrashed 3-0

by Beveren, their fourth defeat without scoring in five matches. Anderlecht's chances against Villa may hinge on the form of international midfielder Franky Vercauteren, who has been brilliant all season but has suddenly lost his touch.

But the Belgians are masters of European tactics and have accounted for Italy's Juventus and Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia in their best-ever European Cup run.

Belgium could also have a representative in the Cup-Winners' final in Barcelona on May 12. Standard Liege beat holders Dynamo Tbilisi 1-0 in the first leg in the Soviet Union and should add to that score at home. Their likely opponents will be Cup final hosts Barcelona, who meet Tottenham having drawn 1-1 in London.

The two-leg UEFA Cup final could be an all-West German affair although Kaiserslautern travel to Sweden to face Gothenburg with the score tied at 1-1. Hamburg should overturn a 2-1 deficit at home to Yugoslavia's Radnicki Nis.



Tony Woodcock...earns recognition.

Woodcock in England's team

LONDON, April 19 (R) — Tony Woodcock, who scored a hat-trick for Cologne in the West German Bundesliga Sunday, earned an instant reward for his sharp-shooting from England soccer manager Ron Greenwood Monday.

Greenwood handed Woodcock a chance to find a place in England's World Cup team by including the former Nottingham Forest striker in the 22-man squad to meet Wales in the British Championship in Cardiff on April 27.

But the England manager disappointed those who would have liked to see some of the players on the fringe of the international squad given an opportunity. England, who meet France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait in Group Four in Spain, still have problems in the heart of their defense.

West Ham's Alvin Martin would almost certainly have lined up against the Welsh but he broke a collar-bone at the weekend.

The full squad is: Goalkeepers: Ray Clemence (Tottenham), Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest), Joe Corrigan (Manchester City). Defenders: Phil Neal and Phil Thompson (Liverpool), Viv Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Mick Mills and Terry Butcher (Ipswich), Kenny Sansom (Aston Villa), Steve Foster (Brighton). Midfielders: Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell and Bryan Robson (Manchester United), Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham), Trevor Brooking (West Ham). Forwards: Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Tony Woodcock (Cologne), Trevor Francis (Manchester City), Peter Withe and Tony Morley (Aston Villa) and Cyrille Regis (West Bromwich).

BRIEFS

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Claudio Borja and team captain Giorgio Chinaglia each scored a goal to give the Cosmos a 2-0 North American Soccer League victory over the Tampa Bay Rowdies Sunday before 52,436 fans at Giants Stadium.

BUDAPEST, (R) — Peru, a goal down after only 35 seconds, beat fellow World Cup finalists Hungary 2-1 Sunday with two goals from their midfield star Julio Cesar Uribe. The Hungarians were without eight first-team regulars who were either playing abroad or injured and it was newcomer Lazar Szentes who put the host nation in front.

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ROME, (AFP) — Italian First Division leaders Fiorentina have asked River Plate of Argentina to name their price for the transfer of World Cup captain Daniel Passarella. Rivals Naples only last week signed up Argentine striker Ramon Diaz for next season.

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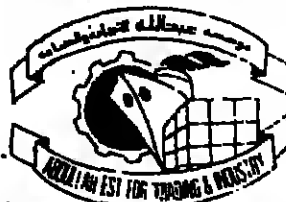
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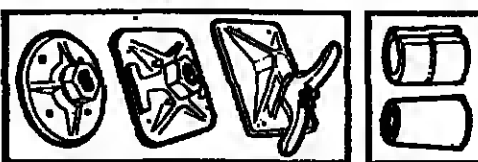
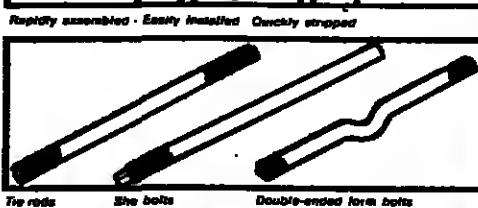
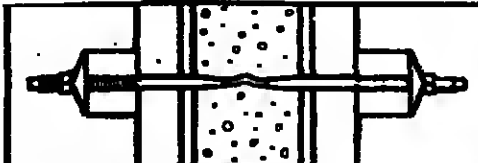
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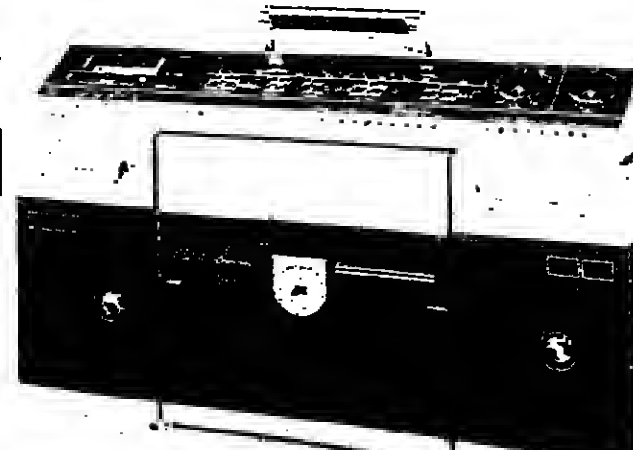
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Party row threatens Spadolini coalition

ROME, April 19 (R) — A fierce row between the Socialist and Christian Democratic parties threatened to bring down Italy's five-party coalition government Monday.

The row, over an alleged slur against the Socialists by Christian Democratic Treasury Minister Beniamino Andreatta, paralyzed the administration, already struggling to control a looming economic crisis. Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini announced he was forced to put off a cabinet meeting Monday after Socialist ministers refused to attend and left open the possibility of a complete withdrawal from the 10-month-old coalition.

Socialist Party officials Sunday demanded Andreatta's resignation after he allegedly told a party meeting that votes for the Socialists could be paving the way for a new fascist era. "Every vote that the Socialist Party wrests from us risks bringing Italy to national socialism," newspapers Monday reported Andreatta as saying.

Andreatta officially denied making the remark and Christian Democratic Party leaders pledged him full support. But Finance Minister Salvatore Formica, the senior Socialist in the coalition, announced his party was boycotting the cabinet in protest.

For the future, Socialist ministers would "wait for decisions to be taken by the party organs in the light of the evolving political situation," he said. Government sources said the statement was a clear threat that the Socialists, deeply dissatisfied with their junior role in the coalition, could bring down Spadolini and force early elections.

As the Socialists refused to soften their

position, Spadolini briefed President Sandro Pertini on the government's difficulties, the sources said. The political storm broke as Italy's monetary authorities tightened the country's foreign exchange controls to head off a looming currency and balance of payments crisis.

Foreign exchange dealers Monday reported the Italian currency was holding steady against the dollar and major European currencies despite growing political and economic uncertainties. But in the past year it has lost nearly 30 percent of its value against the dollar, adding to Italy's already massive oil import bill and 16 percent inflation rate.

Spadolini, head of the tiny Republican Party, took office last July as Italy's first non-Christian Democratic prime minister since 1945 after a string of political scandals forced the dominant Christian Democrats into temporary retreat.

Political analysts at the time described his government as a stopgap administration. They said it would last as long as it took the Christian Democrats to sort out their internal divisions at a national party congress yet to be held.

The Socialist Party, Italy's third largest political force after the Christian Democrats and the opposition Communists, were quick to try to fill the political vacuum left by the Christian Democrats. Bettino Craxi, their ambitious party leader, has been long campaigning for early elections. Political analysts said he was waiting only for the right pretext to bring down the government without having to take the political blame for its collapse.

Schmidt coalition supported

Brandt backs NATO strategy

MUNICH, West Germany, April 19 (R) — Former Chancellor Willy Brandt urged West Germany's ruling Social Democrats (SPD) at the start of their national congress Monday to renew support for NATO's controversial strategy on missile deployment and arms talks.

Brandt, SPD chairman since 1964, admitted in a keynote address that the party, which is split on the arms issue, faced greater difficulties than at any time since it first helped form a Bonn government more than 15 years ago. He appealed to the 440 delegates to turn the five-day congress into a "Social Democratic renewal" to revive the SPD's battered political fortunes.

Brandt flatly rejected speculation about a possible breakdown of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's left-liberal coalition which he said the SPD wanted to see strengthened. "We Social Democrats will keep to our word: We stand by the Social Democratic chancellor and the coalition with the Free Democrats (FDP)," he declared.

Schmidt, who is to speak Tuesday, has staked his career on the 1979 NATO decision to deploy U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in West Europe from late next year unless Washington and Moscow can agree before then on arms curbs. His stance is challenged by a vociferous anti-nuclear peace movement, which rallied 50,000 protesters in Munich on the eve of the conference, and by a sizable minority within the SPD.

Ex-Chancellor Brandt told the conference he shared many of the peace movement's goals but at the same time feared "the illusions which arise from being too far from reality." The two-track NATO decision, which he said was one of the main sources of dispute at the congress, put pressure on the United States and the Soviet Union to reach agreement at their Geneva talks on curbing medium-range missiles in Europe, he said. One or two delegates booed his remarks on missile policy.

"Backing away from the NATO decision

could give the Soviet Union an alibi for not negotiating seriously. And it would give the United States cause to renounce its commitment to serious talks," Brandt said. "We cannot and should not want either of these to happen," he added.

Brandt said the SPD wanted close and friendly relations with the United States and remained committed to the Western alliance. But NATO would be torn apart if it ever abandoned the concept that détente went hand-in-hand with military security, he said.

In a sideswipe at U.S. critics who detect neutralist or anti-American tendencies in the SPD, he listed several American politicians who recently suggested that NATO and the Soviet Union should agree to renounce the first use of nuclear arms. "Is (former Defense Secretary) Robert McNamara, for instance, anti-American?" Brandt asked. A serious discussion had started in the United States on the role of nuclear weapons, and Washington might well have a harder time with its own peace movement than with those in Europe, he said.

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French offices in Vienna blasted

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Police sources said the early morning bombings appeared to be linked to the international terrorist scene, but added there was not hard evidence pointing to the Venezuelan-born Carlos. "We cannot tell at this time if Carlos is involved," said Werner Liebhart, a police investigator.

The explosions came within minutes of one another at approximately 12:30 a.m. (10:30 GMT), causing extensive damage but no injuries. They followed the murder Friday of a French Embassy employee and his pregnant wife by an unknown gunman in Beirut.

An embassy spokesman here said no threats have been received in Vienna. But the Austrian APA news agency quoted informed circles as saying threatening telephone calls have been made to the downtown Vienna Embassy in recent days.

An embassy official said that while no direct threats were made, on a number of recent occasions staffers have answered the telephone only to have the caller or callers bang up.

An embassy spokesman said all employees were aware of the recent threats by Carlos, but added that "no one could possibly know" if they were connected to the Vienna bombings.

The more serious of the two blasts went off at the Air France office near Vienna's landmark Opera House, blowing out large plateglass windows from luxury shops and apartment buildings up to 30 meters away.

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dom's support for the profit motive in joint-ventures.

"The incentives that the Saudi Arabian government has granted to its industrial projects should enable them to compete in the industrial world even in this depressed economic environment," he said.

Butler added that Saudi Arabia's new refineries and petrochemical plants will be less costly to operate than all the facilities in the West.

Other speakers at Monday's session included W.G. Elliot, vice-president of International Bectel Saudi Arabia and Ali M. Dialdin, director of Aramco's career development department.

The Aramco representatives briefed the conference delegates on the status of its on-going training programs. This year, he said, a total of SR17 million will be spent on the company's programs, which involved more than 20,000 daily trainees and a full time staff of nearly 3,000. Dialdin also disclosed that SR330 million will be spent on new training facilities this year of which 60 percent will be academic-related, 21 percent operations-related, and 19 percent maintenance-related.

Petro Tech '82 has attracted dozens of exhibitors from all walks of the world's oil and oil-related industries. Maps, models, flow-charts, barrels, valves and drilling bits are displayed in Algaosab's exhibition hall through Thursday in the Kingdom's first major oil exhibition, which, organizers expect, will become a regular biannual event.

Dr. Taher told Arab News that "I was very impressed with the exhibition. It shows good planning and interest on the part of both international and Saudi Arabian companies. Since it is the first we do not expect everything to meet our aspirations. I would like to have seen more Saudi Arabian companies and more emphasis on attracting Saudi entrepreneurs and businesses to participate."

India may launch backup satellite

NEW DELHI, April 19 (AP) — A backup spacecraft may have to be launched to substitute the American-built Indian communications satellite, fired into space April 10 from the United States, a Western expert said here Monday.

Satish Dhawan, head of the Indian Space Research Organization, was reported en route to the United States to discuss the problem of the stuck antenna aboard the satellite, Insat-1A. He was expected to arrive there late Monday, said the source, who declined to be identified.

Dhawan will huddle with experts from the Ford Aerospace Company, builders of Insat-1A, to discuss possible ways of offering the jammed antenna.

The C-band antenna, which failed to extend following launching from Cape Canaveral, Florida, is crucial to the satellite's telecommunication and television functions, experts here and at the Cape said.

The meteorological functions of the satellite still would be available through an antenna on the other side, but the loss of the C-band antenna "reduces its usefulness badly," they have pointed out.

Dhawan and the Ford experts should exhaust the possibilities for freeing the antenna within the next six to eight days. If a solution cannot be found by then, a backup satellite to Insat-1A now sitting on the shelf at Ford Aerospace, may have to be launched, the source said. "When you build one (satellite) you build two" so there is a backup in case of emergency, it was explained.

Spanish army mobilized to protect vital facilities

MADRID, April 19 (AFP) — Spain, determined to prevent Basque separatists from unleashing further attacks against government facilities — such as the one Sunday on Madrid's largest telephone exchange — Monday mobilized the army, suspended police leave, and set up checkpoints around major towns.

The moves were part of a major deployment of security forces to prevent the much-feared start of a new Basque terrorist campaign — less than two months before the start of the World Cup, soccer competition.

Sunday's attack on the telephone exchange injured five persons, cut off 20,000 telephones in Madrid, and prevented 700,000 subscribers in Catalonia, northeastern Spain, from reaching central Spain and Madrid by telephone. Foreign telephone links were also crippled. Many of the security measures taken after the attack, which police said were part of a "new offensive" by the Basque ETA separatist organization, were not disclosed.

But it was known that army troops will henceforth be involved in "protecting vital

Venus is noisy

MOSCOW, April 19 (R) — Venus is a noisy planet because of howling winds which whip constantly around its surface, according to the latest findings from data sent back by two Soviet missions to the planet.

Tass news agency said microphones on the two spacecraft, which landed on Venus last month, had picked up noises which were at the level of a busy city street.

government offices, train links, communications centers, nuclear power stations and other installations. Troops also strengthened surveillance around the border with France, where many of the Basque separatist leaders are thought to seek refuge.

Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo held an emergency meeting of senior ministers and Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson said on television that Spain faced on grave situation and that the armed forces had been ordered to carry out specific security duties. Roson twice during the day met with senior security officials. The anti-terrorists command subsequently announced a reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of an ETA guerrilla.

Roson told the nation: "We are in a grave situation following the bloody attacks by ETA in recent days... but we are going to win this battle." The separatist organization last Friday gave security forces 30 days to leave the Basque country or face increased attacks. Suspected ETA guerrillas Sunday night staged three anti-tank grenade attacks in northern Spain, killing a policeman and wounding eight security officials.

Top security officials said recently that ETA, which fights for an independent, Marxist Basque country, has been cornered by police and it could try to launch a major, desperate offensive.

The last time the armed forces were given a direct role in internal security followed an abortive military coup a year ago, when they were placed along the French border.

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Bangkok	26	79	33	91	Miami	24	75
Beirut	17	63	22	72	Montreal	3	37
Bombay	2	36	10	50	Moscow	1	34
Brussels	3	33	15	59	New Delhi	19	67
Buenos Aires	15	59	20	68	New York	11	52
Cairo	15	59	29	84	Niassa	11	52
Caracas	19	66	28	82	Oulu	5	41
Chicago	1	34	17	63	Paris	6	43
Copenhagen	4	39	11	52	Rio de Janeiro	17	63
Dublin	4	39	13	55	Rome	6	43
Frankfurt	3	37	14	57	San Francisco	11	52
Geneva	2	36	17	63	Singapore	25	77
Helsinki	-1	30	6	43	Stockholm	4	39
Hong Kong	19	66	23	73	Sydney	16	61
Jakarta	23	73	33	91	Taipei	17	63
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	Tokyo	9	48
London	4	39	15	59	Toronto	0	32
Los Angeles	11	52	24	75	Vancouver	3	37
Madrid	9	48	10	50	Vienna	3	37